

THE
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT
OF THE
COOCH BEHAR STATE

FOR THE
YEAR 1918-1919.



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HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA

PRINCE BAHADUR OF

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 30th of October, 1919.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the State for the year 1918-19, to which the several Departmental Reports are attached as usual.

2. *Constitution of the State Council.*—The constitution of the State Council remained the same during the year of report as in the year previous.

3. *Judicial work of the State Council.*—The Council held 21 meetings on its Judicial side during the year of report against 27 of the preceding year. The following statement shows the work done by the State Council on the Judicial side during 1918-19,—

NATURE OF CASES.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year	DISPOSED OF							Pending at the close of the year.	REMARKS.
			Granted.	Refused.	In part.	Dismissed.	Compromised.	Stays of.	Total.		
CIVIL.											
Regular appeal	1	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	13	2	
Special appeals (Title)	13	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	10	
Special appeals (Rent)	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Miscellaneous appeals and special appeals.	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Motions	12	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	8	15	
Miscellaneous case	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	
CRIMINAL.											
Appeals...	6	5	2	...	...	5	...	...	8	3	
Motions	9	5	1	7	...	...	...	...	13	4	
References	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	
Grand total	66	26	3	11	3	14	2	3	34	41	

4. *Legislative work of the Council.* No meeting of the Legislative Council of Your Highness was held during 1918-19.

Under Section 4 of the Cooch Behar Legislative Council Act II of 1909, Your Highness was pleased to reappoint, during the year of report, Rai Chaudhuri Tarini Charan Chakravarty and Khan Chaudhuri Amanat Ullah Ahmed as Additional Members of the Legislative Council of Your Highness for a term of three years with effect from the 10th of April, 1918,—the former to represent the Hindu Jotedars of the State and the latter the Mahomedan Jotedars.

5. *Executive work of the State Council.*—On the Executive side 21 meetings were held against 19 of the previous year, at 19 of which Your Highness presided.

The work of the Council on the Executive side is divided into the following heads:—

- I.—General.
- II.—Financial.
- III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I.—General.

6. *Appointment of an Archaeologist in the State.*—During the year of report Your Highness was pleased to appoint Mr. Arun Sen, B.A., (Cantab) Bar-at-law, Lecturer in Fine Arts and Iconography in the Ancient History and Culture branch of the Post Graduate Department of the Calcutta University, as Archaeologist in the Cooch Behar State. He will prepare a scheme of operations for instruction and discovery of materials in Cooch Behar that may throw light on Ancient Archaeology and on the past History of the State.

7. *Lac cultivation in the State.*—During the year of report Your Highness was pleased to declare the cultivation of the Lac insect and the production and manufacture of Lac within the State to be a State monopoly. No person can now cultivate the Lac insect or produce or manufacture Lac within the State without the permission of Your Highness.

All Jujube or wild plum and *Palash* trees in the State barring those growing on bonafide homestead land were also declared State property. Cutting, destroying or diminishing the value or utility of Jujube or *Palash* plants or anything done to the trees by which the capacity for multiplication of Lac producing insects is or may be injuriously affected has been prohibited and made penal under Your Highness' order.

8. *Prohibition to melting and breaking up of British gold and silver coins in the Cooch Behar State.*—In pursuance of the wishes of the Government of Bengal as conveyed in their letter No. 2169 P.D., dated the 26th July, 1918 regarding effective action being taken, with Your Highness' permission, to stop the melting of British coin in the Cooch Behar State, Your Highness was, in order to assist the Government of India in their object of ensuring the proper circulation of British gold and silver coins and their use as currency only, pleased to prohibit the melting or breaking up of British gold and silver coins or their use otherwise than as currency in the State of Cooch Behar, under penalty, on any infringement of this order, of imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or fine, or both, and the seizure and confiscation of the melted metal.

This order took effect from the date of its publication in the *Cooch Behar Gazette* i. e. the 30th of September, 1918.

9. *Calculation of the term of sentence of State prisoners sent to British courts for trial.*—During the year of report, the Vice-President, State Council in the General Department of the State, submitted for the decision of Your Highness in Council the question whether Rule 542 of the Bengal Jail Code, 5th Edition, could be applied in a case when a Native State prisoner was sent to a British Jail to stand trial in a British court and then retransferred to the State to undergo his term of imprisonment.

The Rule referred to above lays down that "When a prisoner is transferred under the Extradition Act from a British Jail to a Native State to be tried for an offence committed in such Native State and is retransferred to a British Jail to complete his term of imprisonment, the period passed by the prisoner in the Native State and in transit to and from, shall not count against the original sentence in the British Jail."

Your Highness came to the decision that Rule 842 of the Bengal Jail Code, 5th Edition, would be followed in Cooch Behar.

10. *Free grant of service postage stamps to the Cooch Behar State.*—During the year of report, a new arrangement was made according to which all State telegrams are paid for by affixing service stamps. A free grant of service postage stamps worth Rs. 6000 a year would be made to the Cooch Behar State and the first of this grant was made during 1918-19.

11. *Recognition of the rights of the illegally settled tenants in the State.*—During the year under review the Dewan of the State submitted a report on the number of illegally settled cultivators now occupying lands in the State dealing with their condition and the relation they bear to the immediately superior landlords and submitting proposals for their protection from possible eviction. In view of the fact that these cultivators are liable to eviction and ejectment unless they can establish in a Court of Justice that they have been holding such lands continuously for 12 years, Your Highness deemed it desirable and necessary, leaving out of consideration the length and duration of possession held by them, to protect them from ejectment and to grant them such rights as would enable them to improve and enrich the soil and cultivate it without disturbance except on reasonable grounds justifying eviction. Your Highness was accordingly pleased to order that these persons be recognised in the Terijes of the new settlement under the title of "Cultivating Rayat" and to declare in detail the incidents of their rights. Measures for prevention of illegal settlement in future are under Your Highness' consideration.

12. *Birth of His Highness' Second Son.*—On the 6th of July 1918 at 9-22 P. M., Calcutta time, a son was born to Your Highness at Poona and the happy event was duly intimated to the Government of Bengal. To mark the happy occasion all courts, offices, schools and the college remained closed for four days with effect from the 24th of July, 1918 and the Dewan was authorised by Your Highness to draw an advance of Rs. 3000 for celebration in connection with the event.

13. *Visit of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India to Cooch Behar.*—In December 1918, His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Frederick John Napier Thesiger Baron Chelmsford, P.C., G.M.S.I., G.M.I.L., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., Viceroy and Governor-General of India, honoured the Cooch Behar State by his visit. To mark the occasion Your Highness was pleased to sanction Rs. 8,000 for illumination and decoration of the town of Cooch Behar and a provision of Rs. 921 in the Revised Public Works Department Budget (Ordinary) for 1918-19 for laying the foundation stone of the Chelmsford Ward in the Sudder Dispensary.

14. *Crops and condition of the people.*—During the year under report the rainfall registered at the Sadar Station was 158·37 inches against 114·97 of the previous year. Details are given in the margin* showing how it was distributed over the year. The rainfall in the year was in excess of that in the year previous by 43·40 inches.

* April	9 71
May	8 79
June ..	45 11
July ...	55·98
August	27 14
September	8 40
October	2·98
November	...
December	...
January	·09
February	·06
March	·11
Total	158·37

The cultivation of Bitri crop was all that could be desired on account of seasonable showers in April and May. But the whole of the crop could not be harvested owing to the heavy rainfall that followed and the out-turn which promised to be a bumper one turned out to be 12 annas only.

For the jute crop the showers of April and May were not helpful, for they retarded the sowing operations. It was a late crop in the year under review. The excessive rainfall in June and July arrested the growth of the plants which did not attain their normal height. Steeping and washing also suffered to some extent, the rainfall in September and October being scanty. As the consequence of all these untoward conditions, jute yielded an out-turn of 8 annas only. The prices ranged between Rs. 3 and Rs. 12 per maund.

The heavy rainfall recorded in July retarded the transplantation of Haimanti seedlings especially in low-lying lands. The showers in August and September on the other hand were not so large as to benefit the growth of the plants. An out-turn of 18 annas was the result, and the prices fetched were between Rs. 3 and Rs. 5-10.

The cessation of rain in October and November proved beneficial to the growth of the tobacco crop. The slight showers in January and February did much good to the crop resulting in an out-turn of full 16 annas. The price varied from Rs. 10 to Rs. 25. The out-turn of mustard seeds in the Tufangunj Subdivision was also an average one.

Cholera prevailed in all the Sub-divisions and excepting Mathabhanga small-pox also raged everywhere. During the cold weather Influenza spread over the whole of Cooch Behar and exacted a heavy toll of mortality.

Owing to the abnormal rise in prices of imported articles, especially of those which are required for necessities of existence, the condition of the people did not improve.

Of the articles for which exorbitant rates were being charged in the local markets, wearing cloth was one. To enable the people to tide over the difficulty, Your Highness was graciously pleased to sanction advance of necessary funds from the Treasury for purchase of piece-goods from Calcutta for sale to the people direct under arrangements made from the Dewan's office. Thus cloth was made available to the people at cheaper rates than those prevailing in the local markets at the time. The distress of the people was thereby relieved to a certain extent.

15. *The State Ceremonial and Debuttar Department.*—The amount disbursed by the Ceremonial Department on account of allowance to Rajguns, Brahmins, poor students and others, donations and subscriptions to Charitable Institutions and cost of establishment was Rs. 73,744 against Rs. 83,870 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 10,126. This decrease was mainly due to the fact that the extra provision made in the Revised Budget for 1917-18 in connection with certain adjustments of expenditure relating to the Annaprasan Ceremony of Sree Sreeman Yuvaraja Bahadur had to be eliminated from the Budget of the year under report as the whole amount of the expenditure was provided for and spent in 1916-17 and 1917-18. Besides the above expenditure, subscriptions &c amounting to Rs. 24,604 were paid direct from the Treasury.

In the Debuttar Department, the total disbursements amounted to Rs. 38,266 against Rs. 37,415 of the previous year.

During the year under report, educational allowances were granted to 72 students of whom 25 were natives of the State. Of the stipendiaries, one passed the Middle English, one Matriculation, three I. A., and I. Sc., one B. A. with Honors, and one M. A. Examinations.

The daily average number of patients attending the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary was 46.15 against 44.96 of the previous year. The Ayurvedic garden was maintained as before.

All the Pujas and Periodical ceremonies were duly performed. The usual celebrations in connection with the Rash-Jatra Festival were not allowed to be held during the year under report under Your Highness' orders owing to the prevalence of Influenza in an epidemic form in the interior and in the neighbouring British Districts.

Three thousand one hundred and thirty seven persons received food at the Anandamoyee Dharamasala. The Thakurbaries in the town of Cooch Behar fed 47,566 with a daily average of 130.31 persons.

Benares—The Agent disbursed Rs. 12,001 against Rs. 12,208 of the previous year on account of allowances to persons residing at Benares Thakurbaries and the maintenance of Satra as also the houses owned by Your Highness. The number of persons who received meals at the Satra were 38,818.

16. *The Poonneh Durbar for 1325 B.S.*—The Poonneh ceremony for the Bengali year 1325 was held on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of April 1918. On the 15th of April the usual Durbar was held and Your Highness was pleased to receive at the Durbar the Nazar and homage from the officers and subjects of the State.

17. *Birthday Durbar of His Highness.*—The Birthday Durbar of Your Highness was held at the Palace on the 16th of December 1918 at 7-30 P.M. when officers and subjects of Your Highness presented Your Highness with Nazar and paid Your Highness their homage.

18. *Trip of His Highness to Europe.*—Your Highness accompanied by Her Highness the Maharani and children left Cooch Behar for Calcutta on the 17th February, 1919; Calcutta for Colombo on the 23rd idem and Colombo on the 28th idem *en route* to England. Prior to Your Highness' departure Your Highness left a Memorandum dated the 30th January, 1919, for the administration of the State during the absence of Your Highness from India, which was followed.

II.—Financial.

19. The Revenue of the year 1918-19 amounted to Rs. 29,36,919 against Rs. 28,10,369 showing an increase of Rs. 1,26,550 and the expenditure to Rs. 28,39,222 against Rs. 29,71,377 of the year 1917-18, showing a decrease of Rs. 1,32,155. A surplus of Rs. 97,697 was the result against a deficit of Rs. 1,61,008 of the year previous.

The increase of Revenue by Rs. 1,26,550 is mainly due to increase under—

I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—

(c) *Excise.*—Total receipt under this head is Rs. 1,75,679 against Rs. 1,73,657 of 1917-18.

III.—MISCELLANEOUS—

(b) *Jail.*—Total receipt is Rs. 23,186 against Rs. 20,596 of 1917-18. The increase is due to excess receipt of Rs. 2,756 under Sale of Jail manufacture less Rs. 159 under Convict Labour and Rs. 7 under Miscellaneous.

(e) *Education, Science and Arts.*—Receipt amounted to Rs. 32,185 against Rs. 28,578 of 1917-18. The increase is due to excess collections.

(d) *Public Works.*—Receipt was Rs. 29,978 against Rs. 10,039 of 1917-18 or an increase of Rs. 19,939 which is mainly due to receipt from the Artisan School and excess receipt under Electrical Department.

V.—His Highness' Estates—

(a) *Darjeeling*.—Receipt amounted to Rs. 78,501 against Rs. 75,456 of 1917-18.

(b) *Chaklajat*.—Receipt was Rs. 5,44,731 against Rs. 3,67,404 of 1917-18 or an increase of Rs. 1,77,327 which is due to excess receipts under all the sub-heads of the Budget.

VI.—*Cooch Behar State Railway*.—Receipt was Rs. 3,20,526 against Rs. 2,69,878 of 1917-18 or an increase of Rs. 50,648 due to increase in traffic.

On the other hand, there are some heads which show decrease in Revenue, notably I.—General Revenue (a) Land Revenue (Rs. 27,158); (b) Stamps (Rs. 21,948); III.—Miscellaneous (c) Sundries (Rs. 10,695).

The expenditure of the year 1918-19, compared with that of the year previous shows, as stated above, a decrease of Rs. 1,32,155. The chief decreases are observable under:—

III.—ADMINISTRATION—

2. *General (d) Jail*.—Rs. 8,866. This decrease is due to decreases and increases under several sub-heads.

8. *Revenue (c) Stamps*.—Rs. 2,518 due to decreases under all the sub-heads.

V.—*His Highness' Estates*.—Rs. 10,677 due to decreases and increases in Darjeeling and Chaklajat Estates respectively.

Repayment of debts—Rs. 3,56,637. This decrease is attributable to the fact that Rs. 97,944 was paid during the year of report towards repayment of debts against Rs. 4,54,581 of 1917-18.

There are several heads which show increase in expenditure, particularly:—

I.—*His Highness' Privy Purse*.—Rs. 62,545.

II.—*Allowance to His Highness' Relations*.—Rs. 3,518 due to increase granted to Maharajkumar Hitendra Narayan, Sreejukta Brajeshawari Madhyama Ayi Gharani and to Rajguns.

III.—ADMINISTRATION—

2. *General*.—Rs. 9,312 due to fluctuations under different heads of the Budget.

3. *Revenue*.—Rs. 5,718 due to increases and decreases under several sub-heads.

5. *Miscellaneous*.—Rs. 14,245. The increase is due to increases and decreases under (a) Pensions and Allowances and (b) Sundries.

VI.—*State Ceremonial Department*.—Rs. 51,802 due to increases and decreases under several Sub-heads, particularly (g) Palace Public Works (Rs. 36,228), (n) Visit of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore (Rs. 7,270).

VII.—*Cooch Behar State Railway*.—Rs. 18,434 due to increases under Revenue.

IX.—*Miscellaneous*.—Rs. 67,085 due to increases under Contribution to Public Funds (Rs. 67,906) and Unforeseen (Rs. 901) less decreases under Allowance to Brahmins (Rs. 571) and Donation for Charitable purposes (Rs. 1,201).

20. *Railway Capital Expenditure*.—No payment was made during the year of report on account of Railway Capital Expenditure. On the contrary, the sum of Rs. 2,082 which had been paid in excess on account of the conversion of the Railway into metre gauge was refunded during the year of report.

Exclusive of the excess payment of Rs. 2,082 made by the State as stated above, the total amount deposited by the State for capital works in the Cooch Behar State Railway up to 31st March, 1919 is Rs. 20,87,759 and the total expenditure incurred up to the above date amounts to Rs. 20,79,383.

21. *Children's Fund.*—The closing balance of the Children's Fund for 1918-19 stood unaltered at Rs. 11,022 (cash Rs. 3,022 and Government Promissory Notes Rs. 8,000).

As in the previous year, the fund for the Re-settlement of the State closed with a balance of Rs. 1,16,206 (cash Rs. 6,206 and Government Promissory Notes Rs. 1,10,000).

22. The cash balance at the Treasury at the close of the year 1918-19 amounted to Rs. 10,77,079 against Rs. 9,26,596 of 1917-18. This sum includes cash of the Government of Bengal (Rs. 2,44,879) and deposits and funds of the State (Rs. 2,55,530). The actual closing cash balance of the year of report is shown below:—

			Rs.
Cooch Behar State	..	...	3,96,079
Chaklajat Estates	...	...	1,80,591
Total			5,76,670

23. In the Budget Estimates for the year 1919-20 the Revenue is estimated at Rs. 30,82,942 and the expenditure at Rs. 30,54,285 showing a surplus of Rs. 28,657.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

24. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The following statement shows the result of the working of the line during the year of report as compared with the previous year:—

		For the year	
		1917-18.	1918-19.
		Rs.	Rs.
Gross earnings	...	2,69,878	3,20,526
Working expenses	..	1,30,061	1,48,495
Net earnings	...	1,39,817	1,72,031
Percentage of working expenses over gross earnings	..	48.19	46.32
Percentage of net earnings on Capital Outlay	...	6.1	7.48

25. *Municipalities.*—The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees during the year of report:—

RECEIPTS.

	Cooch Behar	Dinhat	Mathabhang	Haldibari.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
State grant	26,920	1,900	2,665	1,900
Do. from Pund Fund	3,600	200	1,000	4,000
Chaukidari Tax	4,783	1,401	694	663
Latrine Tax	6,921	1,338	648	.....
Miscellaneous	3,729	3,530	1,092	3,334
Total	45,953	8,369	6,099	10,997

EXPENDITURE.

Public Works	...	15,113	2,455	1,015	1,999
Establishment and Contingencies	...	2,662	977	799	1,334
Chaukidari Tax	...	2,911	629	562	.....
Conservancy	...	8,596	1,514	1,485	998
Lighting	...	5,867	593	720	713
Miscellaneous	...	3,477	1,162	414	1,166
Total	...	38,126	7,830	5,006	5,040

26. *Pensions and Gratuities.*—Your Highness was pleased to sanction Rs. 1,162-10-7 as pensions and gratuities during the year of report.

We have the honour to be

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servants,

J. A. MITTIGAN,

Vice-President.

NARENDRA NATH SEN,

Dewan of the State, Member.

B. GHOSE,

Secretary to His Highness, Member.

Statement showing the comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the Coock Baker State for the years 1917-18 and 1918-19.

REVENUE.	Actuals for 1917-18.	Actuals for 1918-19.	Difference.		EXPENDITURE.	Actuals for 1917-18.	Actuals for 1918-19.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.				Increase.	Decrease.
I.—General Revenue.—									
a. Land Revenue	Rs. 13,60,473	Rs. 18,31,975	.....	Rs. 27,168		Rs. 4,07,000	Rs. 4,69,815	Rs. 62,815	.....
b. Stamp	2,63,951	2,42,013	.....	21,938		.....	.....	.....	.....
c. Excise	1,73,657	1,75,679	2,022	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....
d. Interest on Loans and Investments	1,823	743	.....	1,095	II.—Allowance to His Highness' Relations	2,10,855	2,14,373	3,518	.....
e. Sundries	11,200	10,871	.....	329		.....	.....	.....	.....
II.—Law and Justice.—									
a. Civil and Sessions Court	1,329	1,124	.....	215	III.—Administration.—				
b. Registration	18,455	16,765	.....	1,689	1. Control	69,396	60,455	1,159	.....
III.—Miscellaneous.—					2. General	4,59,616	6,08,908	9,342	.....
a. Criminal Justice	8,164	6,059	.....	2,105	3. Revenue	3,01,482	3,07,300	5,718	.....
b. Jail	29,695	23,185	.....	3,617	4. Law and Justice	61,638	61,763	135	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts	28,578	29,978	19,389	.....	5. Miscellaneous	1,17,726	1,31,971	14,245	.....
d. Public Works	10,039	10,013	.....	10,035		57,565	68,701	1,236	.....
e. Sundries	20,708	.....	.....	.....	IV.—Debt.				
IV.—Debt.					a. Darjeeling Estates	75,763	68,535	.....	Rs. 2,318
a. Darjeeling Estates	1,13,643	1,13,219	.....	394	b. Chaklaj Estate	2,93,791	2,92,332	.....	1,459
V.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—					V.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estates	75,456	76,501	1,045	.....	a. Darjeeling Estates	2,31,045	2,68,847	51,802	.....
b. Chaklaj Estate	3,67,401	5,44,731	1,77,327	.....	b. Chaklaj Estate	1,37,081	1,48,495	19,414	.....
VI.—Coock Baker State Railway					VI.—State Ceremonial Department	.....	.....	.....	.....
a. Darjeeling Estates	2,69,878	3,20,526	50,648	.....	VII.—Coock Baker State Railway	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Revenue	27,45,369	29,35,919	1,91,550	.....	VIII.—Reserve Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....
Resettlement Fund	65,030	.....	.....	65,030	IX.—Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total Debt	23,10,353	29,36,919	1,26,550	.....	Total	25,16,796	27,41,578	2,24,782	.....
Grand total	29,71,377	29,35,919	.....	34,458	Repayment of Debts	4,54,501	97,944	8,56,487	.....
					Total Surplus	29,71,577	26,39,232	1,39,155	.....
					Grand total	29,71,577	29,35,919	.....	34,458

His Highness' Office, Audit Department
Coock Baker, on September 1919.

B. Ghose,
Secretary to His Highness,
Audit Department.

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IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 11th September 1919.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1918-19 of the Departments under my charge.

1. Few matters call for special mention in reviewing the year's administration. Unlike the year 1917-18, this year has not been marked by any innovation of note; rather the keynote of the year has been a dogged effort to carry on in the face of difficulties, marking time and holding our ground in the hope that Peace would bring prosperity in its train. The Revenue of the State has been embarrassed by reduction of income owing to unfavourable agricultural conditions, accompanied by largely increased cost of all commodities and materials, and inflection of wages.

2. The people of Cooch Behar have not been prosperous during the year 1918-19. Their crops were far from being first class, their indebtedness prevented them from profiting much by the rise of prices, whereas they had to pay for cloth, salt and other things prices which they could not well afford. As anticipated in last year's Report, there was, happily, no recrudescence of looting, even though the distress was much keener than in the days when it found vent in violence. Efforts were made under Your Highness' orders to relieve the situation by purchase of cloth and sale thereof at cost price, by regulating the retail prices of rice and paddy and by prohibiting their export from the State. The situation has been tided over, and it is hoped that with decent crops in 1919 the people of Cooch Behar will ere long enjoy a large measure of their pre-war prosperity.

3. The health of the State was bad during the year under review. Not only was malaria exceptionally prevalent, but influenza claimed many victims, and cholera broke out with unusual violence. It is, however, satisfactory to note that the prediction which I made in last year's Report regarding small-pox has come true. The large expenditure of the past two years on vaccination is bearing fruit inasmuch as this disease was very much less of a scourge in 1918-19 than heretofore.

4. The year has been marked by five important events :

Firstly, on the 6th of July 1918, in Poona, a second son was born to Your Highness.

Secondly, war came to a conclusion in the Armistice of 11th November 1918.

Thirdly, the State was honoured by a visit of His Excellency The Viceroy in December 1918.

Fourthly, a visit was paid to Your Highness by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore in February last.

Fifthly, Your Highness departed on a visit to England in February 1919, the first such visit paid by Your Highness since your accession to the Gaddi.

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With these notable exceptions the year was devoid of incidents directly affecting the administration of the State. It may be noted here for reference, that in view of Your Highness' visit to England my term of office was extended for one year.

5. I have only to add in conclusion a word of appreciation of the services of Your Highness' officials. I have neither the desire nor do I feel it advisable to discriminate in this appreciation. It has been a year of financial stringency and manifold difficulties, and I have much pleasure in informing Your Highness that the officers of all ranks, superior and subordinate, have acquitted themselves well.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Charge.—Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., was in charge of the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office up to the 15th April 1918, who went on leave preparatory to retirement. On the forenoon of the 16th April 1918, he made over the charge of his office to Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., who remained in charge up to 1st January 1919. Babu Jagadballabh Biswas was relieved by Mr. S. Ghosh on the forenoon of the 2nd January 1919 and since then Mr. S. Ghosh remained in charge of the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office till the end of the year.

2. The names of officers who held charge of the Subordinate Criminal courts and the changes which took place during the year are mentioned below:—

Name of Sub-divisions.	Name of Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.	Name of additional Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.
Sudder ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi.	From 1st April to 22nd Dec. 1918 and again from 20th Jan. to 31st March 1919.	.....	.....
Tufangunj ...	Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L.	From 1st to 28th April 1918.	.....	.....
	Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L.	From 29th April 1918 to 31st March 1919.	.....	.....
Dinhata ...	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhounmik, M.A., B.L.	From 1st to 24th April 1918.	Babu Sarat Ch. Ghosal, M.A.B.L.	From 1st to 18th April 1918.
	Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A.	From 25th April 1918 to 1st Jan. 1919.	Babu Nirmal Ch Mustafi, B.L.	From the 26th Feb. 1919 to the end of the year.
	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L.	From 2nd Jan. to 31st March 1919.	.....	During the intervening period there was no Additional Naib Ahilkar.
Mathabhanga ..	Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L.	From the beginning of the year upto the 25th of April 1918.	.....	.....
	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhounmik, M.A., B.L.	From 26th April 1918 to the end of the year.	Moulavi Bazlay Rahman Sarkar, B.L.	From 26th April 1918 to the end of the year.
Mekligunj ...	Babu Narasinha Ch. Ghose, M.A., B.L.	From the 1st to the 23rd April 1918.	.....	.....
	Babu Uma Nath Dutt, B.L.	From 24th April 1918 to the end of the year.	.....	.....
	<i>Bench Magistrate.</i>			
Haldibari ...	Mr. T. McMurphy ...	From 1st April 1918 to 24th March 1919.	.....	.....
	Babu Mohini Kumar Bagchi.	From 25th to 31st March 1919.	.....	.....

3. *Bench of Honorary Magistrate at Haldibari.*—Mr. T. McMurphy held charge of the Haldibari Bench from 1st April 1918 to the 24th of March 1919, when he was relieved of his charge by Babu Mohini Kumar Bagchi with whom the charge of the Bench remained till the end of the year.

4. There were 19 sittings in the year against 22 of the year previous showing a decrease of 3 sittings.

5. The following table shows the attendance of the members of the Bench :-

Names of Magistrates.	No. of days present.
Mr. T. McMurphy	16
Mr. C. V. Siane	14
Babu Mohini Kumar Bagchi	19

Sixty cases were tried by the Bench during the year against the same number of the year previous though there was a decrease of 4 Cognizable cases.

6. The following table shows the details of cases received from different sources during the past 3 years :-

Year.	From Mekligunj Court.	From Haldibari P. S.	From Haldibari Town Committee.	Total.
1916-17	2	23	22	47
1917-18	6	35	19	60
1918-19	...	37	23	60

7. *Criminal Statistics.*—The following table shows the number of cases Cognizable and Non-cognizable instituted during the past 3 years :—

Year.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
1916-17	1160	1272	2432
1917-18	1217	1482	2699
1918-19	1166	1162	2328

Thus the total number of cases reported during the year was 2328 against 2699 of the preceding year showing a decrease of 371 cases.

There was a decrease of 51 cases under the head "Cognizable", the decrease under Non-Cognizable cases was 320.

8. *Cognizable and Non-cognizable Crimes.*—The following table shows the number and variety of offences reported during the year under report as compared with those of the previous year :—

CLASS OF OFFENCE	Cognizable Statement A, Part I.				Non-cognizable Statement B, Part I.			
	1917-18	1918-19	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.	1918-19	Increase.	Decrease.
I. Offence against the State	46	34	...	12	53	75	22	...
II. Serious offence against person	111	94	...	17	..	2	2	...
III. Do. against property..	515	418	...	97	18	11	...	7
IV. Minor offence against person	10	17	7	...	485	396	...	89
V. Do. against property	417	369	...	48	875	302	...	73
VI. Other offences	118	234	116	...	252	222	...	30
Cases under Special & Local Laws	...	...	...	...	299	154	...	145
Total	1,217	1,166	123	174	1,482	1,162	44	344

9. The following statement gives the result of the past 3 years as regards persons brought to trial, convicted, acquitted or otherwise disposed of :—

Particulars.	1916-1917.			1917-1918			1918-1919.		
	Cognizable	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable	Non-cognizable	Total.
Number of cases dealt with including pending cases of the preceding year	1,200	1,370	2,570	1,272	1,589	2,861	1,202	1,233	2,435
Number of persons brought to trial	1,051	928	1,979	1,067	1,283	2,350	1,126	983	2,109
Convicted	527	316	843	584	567	1,151	560	280	840
Released	379	168	537	377	239	616	296	174	470
Otherwise disposed of	59	398	457	68	423	490	95	420	515
Pending at the end of the year	86	56	142	37	55	92	175	100	274
Percentage of conviction to total number of persons tried.	58.16	66.66	61.08	60.77	70.34	65.13	65.42	61.67	64.12

10. *Cases not inquired into.*—Under section 157 (4) of the Criminal Procedure Code the Police refused to investigate 90 cases during the year under report against 243 cases of the previous year.

11. *Abstract of heinous offences.*—The following is an abstract of heinous offences:—

Murder.—One case of murder against two of the previous year was reported during the year from the Mathabhanga Sub-Division which was not detected after vigorous investigation.

Culpable Homicide.—One case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against four of the previous year was reported from Mathabhanga during the year which ended in conviction.

Dacoity.—Seven cases of dacoity against 4 of the previous year were reported during the year. Of these, two cases were reported from Dinahata, one of which remained pending in the Court of Session at the close of the year and the other was not detected after vigorous investigation. Five cases were reported from Mekligunj, one of which ended in conviction, 3 were not detected and the other case remained pending before the Sessions Court at the close of the year.

One dacoity case of the Mathabhanga Sub-Division which remained pending before the Sessions Court at the close of the preceding year, ended in acquittal.

Rape.—There was no rape case reported during the year against 2 such cases of the year previous.

Unnatural Offence.—One case against the same number of the previous year was reported from the Tufangunj Sub-Division which was transferred to Sudder and ended in conviction.

Robbery.—Ten cases against 7 of the year previous were reported during the year. Of these ten cases, one case was reported from the Sudder and another from the Tufangunj Sub-Division, both of which remained pending at the close of the year. 2 cases were reported from Dinahata, one of which remained pending at the close of the year and the other was not detected. 4 cases were reported from Mathabhanga during the year, one of which ended in conviction, one was declared mistake of fact, one was not detected and the other remained pending at the close of the year. 2 cases were reported from Mekligunj which were not detected by the Police inspite of vigorous attempts.

Kidnapping.—There were 23 cases during the year against 17 of the previous year. Of these, 3 cases were reported from the Sudder, one ended in acquittal and two remained pending at the close of the year. 5 cases were reported from Tufangunj, out of which 4 ended in acquittal and one remained pending at the close of the year. 10 cases were reported from the Dinahata Sub-Division, of which one ended in conviction at the Court of Session, 4 ended in acquittal and 5 remained pending at the close of the year. 4 cases were reported from Mathabhanga during the year and there was also one case which remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 5 cases, one ended in acquittal and the rest remained pending at the end of the year. One case was reported from Mekligunj which was declared to be false.

Arson Cases.—Five cases against 6 were reported during the year. There were 3 cases from the Sudder, one of which ended in acquittal one proved to be false and the other remained pending at the close of the year. One case was reported from Tufangunj and another from Mathabhanga, both of which were declared false.

12. The following table shows the number of Appeals preferred during the year and the result obtained :—

Names of officers.	Total No of persons convicted.	Total No. of Appeals	Order confirmed.	Appeals rejected.	Order modified.	Order reversed.	Pending.
<i>Sudder</i>							
Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, Officiating Fouzdari Ahlikar	2	3	1	..	..	1	.....
Mr. S Ghosh, Fouzdari Ahlikar	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Rai Chondhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Naib Ahlikar	5	4	2	..	2	..	.....
<i>Tufangungj.</i>							
Babu Jatindra Mohen Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahlikar	3	1	1	..	..	..	.....
" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahlikar	19	4	2	..	..	2	.....
<i>Dinhata.</i>							
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhounik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahlikar	2	1	1	..	..	..	.....
Mr. S. Ghosh, Sub-divisional Officer	25	10	4	..	2	4	.....
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahlikar	5	(a) 4	..	..	2	1	.....
" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahlikar.	3	8	2	..	..	1	.....
<i>Mathabhanga</i>							
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahlikar	2	2	1	..	..	1	.....
" Rajani Kanta Bhounik, Naib Ahlikar	21	9	5	..	1	2	1
Maulavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, Additional Naib Ahlikar	6	4	..	..	1	2	1
<i>Mohligungj.</i>							
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahlikar	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
" Umanath Datta, B.L., Naib Ahlikar	10	6	4	..	..	1	1
Total	105	62	24	..	8	16	4

(a) One case ordered for retrial

13. The following table shows the distribution of work in the Criminal Courts for the year 1918-19 :—

Name of Court	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Otherwise disposed of	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
<i>Sudder</i>							
Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Sessions Judge	10	43	16	18	..	9	47.05
" Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Fouzdari Ahlikar	21	10	10	..	..	10	100
" Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Offg. Fouzdari Ahlikar	467	339	148	46	146	..	76.16
Mr S Ghosh, B.A., Fouzdari Ahlikar	268	178	43	17	59	59	71.66
Rai Chondhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Naib Ahlikar	173	182	29	39	73	41	44.64
Total	939	752	246	119	278	109	..
<i>Tufangungj</i>							
Babu Jatindra Mohen Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	20	8	2	1	8	..	66.66
" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahlikar	277	275	61	76	121	17	44.62
Total	297	281	63	77	124	17	..
<i>Dinhata</i>							
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhounik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahlikar	17	7	7	..	..	..	100
Mr. S Ghosh, B.A., Sub-Divisional Officer	267	285	111	112	62	..	49.77
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahlikar	147	180	58	21	20	31	73.41
" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Addl. Naib Ahlikar.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Addl. Naib Ahlikar	60	64	5	19	8	32	20.83
Total	511	486	181	152	90	63	..
<i>Mathabhanga</i>							
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahlikar	8	8	..	..	8	..	..
" Rajani Kanta Bhounik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahlikar	308	234	148	48	21	22	74.86
Maulavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Addl. Naib Ahlikar	126	125	47	25	47	8	67.14
Total	442	367	190	71	76	30	..
<i>Mohligungj.</i>							
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahlikar	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
" Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahlikar	278	166	81	23	19	45	77.89
Total	279	167	81	23	20	45	..
<i>Haldibari</i>							
Haldibari Bench Magistrate's Court	60	60	59	1	..	..	98.33
Grand Total	2628	2113	820	443	568	262	64.92

14. The following table gives the result of commitment to the Court of Session :—

Names of committing Magistrates.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
<i>Sudder.</i>							
Nil ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<i>Tufangunj.</i>							
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	1	13	...	13	...	...	00
<i>Dinhata.</i>							
Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Sub-divisional Officer ...	2	5	3	2	...	...	60
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	1	4	...	...	...	4	...
<i>Mathabhanga.</i>							
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	2	5	5	...	...	...	100
<i>Mekligunj.</i>							
Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	4	16	8	3	...	5	72·7
Total ...	10	43	16	18	...	9	47·5

15. The following table gives the longest, shortest and average period of detention of under-trial prisoners :—

Name of Officers	Longest period of detention.	Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
<i>Sudder.</i>	M. D.	D.	D.
Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Sessions Judge ...	2 9	1	41·41
„ Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	0 14	14	14·00
„ Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Offg. Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	3 14	1	18·03
Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	2 8	1	25·58
Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Naib Ahilkar ...	3 5	1	18·16
<i>TUFANGUNJ.</i>			
Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	1 13	1	13·08
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...			
<i>DINHATA.</i>			
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	0 5	1	2·5
Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Sub-divisional Officer ...	4 10	1	20·45
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	1 26	1	14·05
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	0 1	1	1
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	0 2	1	1
<i>MATLABHANGA.</i>			
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	.....
„ Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	2 3	1	19·66
Maulavi Basley Bahaman Sarkar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	0 10	3	5·16
<i>MEKLI GUNJ.</i>			
Babu Naresinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	4 2	1	6·33
„ Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...			

16. *Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.*—The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases:—

Nature of cases.	No of cases	Dismissed.	Decreed.	Compromised.	Struck off.	Pending.	Remarks.
Maintenance	14	7	2	.....	1	4	
Right of way	62	34	10	9	2	7	
Security to keep the peace under Sections 106 and 107, C.P.C	7	6	1	.....	.....	.....
Security Under Secs. 109 and 110, C. P. C.	18	1	18	.....	.....	4	
Total ...	101	48	26	9	3	15	

17. *Compensation paid to the complainant and the accused.*—Rupees 235 was paid as compensation to complainants under Section 545 of the Criminal Procedure Code in all the different courts in the year under report as against Rs. 185 of the preceding year; while the compensation to the accused, under Section 250 Criminal Procedure Code, amounted to Rs. 33 against Rs. 50 awarded in the previous year.

18. *Unnatural deaths.*—There were 136 cases of unnatural deaths during the year against 146 of the preceding year. The details are given below:—

Names of Police Stations and Out post	Suicide	Drowning	Snake bite	Fall from building	Other causes.	By wild animals.	Total.
Kotwal Police Station ...	6	12	4	.....	9	4	35
Tufangunj " ...	1	13	2	.....	1	4	21
Dinhata " ...	2	19	14	.....	1	2	38
Mathabhanga " ...	3	10	2	.....	5	1	21
Shitalkhuchi O P " ...	...	1	3	.....	3	...	7
Mekligunj Police Station " ...	...	6	...	.....	2	...	8
Haldibari " ...	...	6	...	.....	...	...	6
Total ...	12	67	25	.....	21	11	136

19. *Realisation of fines.*—The result of realisation of fines during the last 3 years is given in the following table:—

Years	Balance of the previous year	Imposed during the year	Total amount to have been realised.	Realised during the year	Remitted or written off.	Balance of the year.
1916-17 ..	1018	6412	7430	6888	.....	1042
1917-18 ...	1042	8596	9638	7575	565	1498
1918-19 ...	1498	5346	6844	5183	685	1026

20. *Stamps and Court Fees.*—The following table shows the income from stamps and court fees in the various Criminal Courts in the State for the year 1918-19 as compared with that of the year previous:—

	Stamps.		Court-fees.		Total.	
	1917-18.	1918-19	1917-18.	1918-19.	1917-18	1918-19
Sudder ...	1,091	1,309	777	721	1,868	2,030
Tufangunj ...	692	597	422	462	1,114	1,059
Dinhata ...	1,132	916	828	585	1,955	1,501
Mathabhanga ...	1,210	998	1,002	638	2,212	1,636
Mekligunj ...	505	539	314	261	819	800
Haldibari ...	4	1	16	...	20	1
Total ...	4624	4860	3454	2667	7988	7027

21. The following statement shows the number and detention of witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts in the State during the year under report:—

Names and designations of Magistrates.	Total number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and not finally discharged.	DETENTION OF WITNESSES ENTERED IN COLUMNS 3 AND 4 FOR—						
					One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five or more days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUDDER.											
Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L., Fonsdari Ahilkar		..	..	..			...	...	..	...	..
„ Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Offg. Fonsdari Ahilkar.	507	498	9		484	22	1		...	...	..
Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Fonsdari Ahilkar	298	267	22	9	268	26	..				
Rai Choudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar.	519	314	162	43	347	111	18				
Total	1,324	1,079	193	52	1,084	159	19		...		
TUFANGUNJ.											
Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	28	16	12		28		..		..		...
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	486	383	103		465	19	2				
Total	514	399	115	..	493	19	2	...			..
DINHATA.											
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoomik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	39	36	3		39		..				
Mr S Ghosh, M.A., Sub-Divisional Officer	1,058	903	115		1,029	18	11		...		..
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	354	273	111		354	30					..
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.							..				
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Addi- tional Naib Ahilkar	39	39			38	1					
Total	1,520	1,251	269		1,460	49	12				
MATHABHANGA.											
Babu Daakhina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Offg Naib Ahilkar.	13	7	6	...	13			...		..
„ Rajani Kanta Bhoomik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	1,077	988	89		1,062	15	...		...	..
Maulavi Basley Bahaman Sarkar, B.L., Addi- tional Naib Ahilkar.	304	264	40		289	15					...
Total	1,394	1,259	135		1,364	30					
MEKLIGUNJ.											
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	44	44		...	44	...		...		...	...
„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	891	881	10		891	...	...		...	...	...
Total	935	925	10	...	935						
HALDIBARI.											
Sench Magistrate's Court	1	1			1	...		...	...	...
Grand Total	5,685	4,914	722	52	5,347	287	32				

22. The following statement shows the miscellaneous works done by the different Courts:—

Names of Courts.	No. of petitions received.	No. of processes of all kinds issued.	No. of reports heard.	No. of Robocaries received.	No. of Robocaries bail bonds executed.	No. of recognisance bonds executed.	No. of Robocaries issued.
Sudder	1981	3681	149	173	118	251	103
Tufangunj	1006	2530	599	22	82	109	19
Dinhata	1029	3982	125	40	155	380	42
Mathabhanga	1457	991	240	41	108	161	46
Mekligunj	908	2190	127	21	34	106	16
Haldibari Bench	1	37	63	...	25	11	...
	6367	13431	1236	397	578	1013	226

23. *Summary of cases for recovery of wives.*—There were 89 petitions for recovery of wives during the year against 107 of the previous year. These with the 5 cases pending from the preceding year made up a total of 94 petitions awaiting disposal. Of these, 52 cases were struck off, in 24 cases the wives were made over to their husbands; and in 14 cases the wives denied marriage. Thus 4 remained pending at the close of the year.

24. *Chowkidari Department.*—The following table shews the number of Chowkidars, Panchayets and Collecting Panchayets employed during the year under report together with the number of villages served by them:—

Name of Sub-division.	No. of Chowkidars.	No. of Panchayets.	Of which, No. of Collecting Panchayets.	No. of villages for which Panchayets worked.
Sudder ...	323	548	137	263
Tufangunj ...	215	268	75	126
Dinhata ...	377	549	59	310
Mathabhanga ...	450	292	67	267
Mekligunj ...	230	215	57	243
Total ...	1,595	1,872	395	1,209

The total number of Chowkidars was 1595 against 1594 of the previous year shewing an increase of one Chowkidar in the Mekligunj Sub-Division.

25. The Collecting Panchayets seem not to have worked well as there were several complaints of non-payment of pay to the Chowkidars.

26. The maximum pay of a Chowkidar was Rs. 6 and the minimum Rs. 4-8-6.

27. The following statement shews the demand and realisation of the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report:—

	Sudder	Tufangunj	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga	Mekligunj	Total.
TOTAL DEMAND—						
1. Total amount of annual fund deduction	1256	858	1399	1750	943	6206
2. Balance of the previous year	77		102			179
Total	1333	858	1501	1750	943	6385
3. Amount realized during the year	1295	858	1381	1750	928	6212
4. Amount remained un-realized on the 31st March	38		120		15	173
5. Amount of fine realized	117	96	275	347	110	945
6. Amount of penalties realized.	2	14	6	8		29
7. Miscellaneous receipts	153	33	99	147	28	460
8. Total of items 5, 7, 8 & 9	1567	1001	1700	2252	1066	7046
9. Interests on Government Promissory Notes invested from this Fund.						183
Total						7829

28. The details of expenditure from the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report are given below:—

Details of heads.	Sanctioned amount for the year.	Amount of expenditure for the year.
	Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies...	1,845	1,586(a)
Reward and gratuity &c. ...	1,500	1,462
Irrecoverable portions of pay for Chowkidars	200	44
Establishment charges for the five Sub-divisions	1,698	1,693
Total	5,243	4,790

(a) Includes Rs. 1,080 for Uniforms to Chowkidars.

29. The total receipt was Rs. 7,529 against Rs. 7,436 of the previous year and the expenditure was Rs. 4,790 against Rs. 3,155 of the previous year. The net profit to the Fund for the year amounted to Rs. 3,039 against Rs. 4,281 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 1,242 mainly due to an increased expenditure under the head "Rewards and Gratuities" on account of Khorakies paid to the Chowkidars on the occasion of His Excellency the Viceroy's visit at Cooch Behar and also due to increases of pay granted to Chowkidari clerks.

The balance of the Chowkidari Fund in cash, at the Treasury and the Chowkidari offices stood at Rs. 11,714 on the 31st March 1919.

30. *Cattle Pounds*.—The number of Cattle Pounds in the State was 108 against 107 of the previous year showing an increase of one new Pound established at Daikhata in the Mekligunj Sub-Division during the year under report.

31. The following statements shew the receipt and expenditure of the Pound Fund for the year under report:—

	Name of Sub-divisions.					Total.
	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabha ga.	Mekligunj.	
Number of Pounds ...	16	20	21	34	17	108
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount of Bid ...	2,490	2,212	1,242	2,662	3,423	12,029
Balance of the previous year.	103	146	15	676	...	940
Total ...	2,593	2,358	1,257	3,338	3,423	12,969
Amount of bid realised ...	2,573	2,246	1,137	3,233	3,362	12,551
Amount of bid unrealised	20	112	120	105	61	418
Sale proceeds of unclaimed and impounded cattles.	103	274	137	654	295	1,462
Miscellaneous receipts ...	...	8	13	5	...	26
Total ...	2,675	2,528	1,287	3,892	3,657	14,039

Statement shewing the expenditure of the Pound Fund for the year 1918-19.

Head of service				Budget estimate for 1918-19	Expenditure
				Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies ...	...	...	...	500	286
Reward for killing dogs ...	...	...	...	170	10
Establishment ...	...	...	...	295	295
Total ...	...	...	...	965	591
Aid to Cooch Behar Town Committee ...	...	...	...	3,600	3,600
Do. Dinhata do. ...	...	...	...	1,000	1,000
Do. Mathabhanga do. ...	...	...	...	200	200
Improvement of Sub-divisional Towns at Tufangunj	...	...	...	1,000	1,000
Do. do. at Mekligunj	...	...	...	500	500
Total ...	...	...	...	6,300	6,300
Grand Total ...	...	...	...	7,265	6,891

32. The gross receipt from the Pounds for the year under report was Rs. 14,039 against Rs. 14,316 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 277 due to the settlement of Pounds at reduced Jamas.

33. The cost of maintenance and establishment together with the charge for reward paid for killing rabid and stray dogs was Rs. 591 against Rs. 504 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 87. This left a profit of Rs. 13,448. Of this sum, Rs. 6,300 was paid to the several Town Committees and Sub-divisional towns in the State towards effecting improvements of the places and the towns concerned. The net profit of the Fund for the year was therefore Rs. 7,148. To this is to be added Rs. 176 received as interest on Government Promissory Notes during the year.

34. The balance of the Pound Fund at the Treasury stood at Rs. 31,408 on the 31st March 1919 and the book balance at Rs. 32,056, the difference representing cash at the various Pound offices.

35. *Sale and free distribution of quinine tablets.*—During the year under report the sale and free distribution of quinine tablets were as noted below :—

		Sold.	Distributed.	Total.
Sudder	...	126	8	134
Tufangunj	...	42	5	47
Dinhata	...	88	4	92
Mathabhanga	...	107	...	107
Mekligunj	...	13	...	13
Total	...	376	17	393

36. The balance in hand at the close of 1917-18 was 82 tubes at the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office and 196 at the Sub-divisions, and with the Superintendent of Police and Inspector of Schools. This with 225 tubes received during the year made the total of 503 tubes. Out of this, 393 tubes were sold and distributed leaving a balance of 110 tubes at the close of the year under report. Of these, 36 tubes are at the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office.

There was a big fall in sale owing to the high price of quinine. At Dinhata, the high priced quinine was supplemented with Cinchona febrifuge tablets which had a big and ready sale.

37. The following statement shews the number of records received in the Record-room during the year under report :—

COURTS	Records of regular cases	Miscellaneous papers	Total.
Sudder	934	1271	2205
Tufangunj	364	94	458
Dinhata	.....	...	...
Mathabhanga	730	146	876
Mekligunj	...	...	...
Haldibari Bench	...	...	...
Total	2028	1511	3539†

* No records received during the year

† Records for two years were received from all the Sub-Divisions during the previous year and the total number of records etc, shewn in the statement for the preceding year was therefore larger than that of the year under report

38. The following statement shews the number of records sorted for destruction and preservation during the year under report :—

COURTS	Number of records sorted for destruction and preservation				Total No. of books Registers destroyed	Total No. of Miscellaneous paper bundles destroyed.
	Total No. of records sorted	Records to be destroyed wholly	Records to be destroyed partly.	Records preserved wholly		
Sudder	872	740	73	59	973.	1455
Tufangunj	326	253	32	41	178	30
Dinhata	658	581	21	56	280	36
Mathabhanga	583	455	40	88	280	35
Mekligunj	318	221	29	68	133	30
Haldibari Bench	47	47	...	..	20	...
Total	2804	2297*	195*	312	1864*	1586*

* Destroyed during the year

39. The total rainfall recorded in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was 119.19 against 117.15 of the previous year. The rainfall was very heavy during the months of June and July last and it helped the cultivators to transplant Haimanti seedlings on such high lands as are seldom utilised for this purpose in ordinary years. This proved detrimental to *Boa* cultivation in low lands, but this loss was compensated by the out-turn obtained from high lands.

40. *Crops and condition of people.*—The following table shews the out-turn of Haimanti and Bitri paddy in the different Sub-divisions of the State :—

	Haimanti.	Bitri.
Sudder	12 ans.	10 ans.
Tufangunj	20 "	16 "
Mathabhanga	8 "	10 "
Mekligunj	12 "	10 "
Dinhata	12 "	15 "

41. The out-turn of Haimanti and Bitri paddy was on the whole favourable. The price of Haimanti paddy shewed a tendency to rise very high even at the time of harvest. This was mainly due to the apprehension of scarcity in some of the districts of Lower Bengal and Upper India. But before Haimanti paddy could be exported from the State in any considerable quantity, measures were taken by the State authorities to stop such exports. This resulted in keeping down the price of the Haimanti paddy within reasonable limits.

42. The area of land under jute cultivation during the year under report decreased in comparison with that of the preceding year on account of slump in the jute market during the year 1917-18 though the out-turn was not altogether bad and the price of jute improved to some extent owing to the shortage of out-turn.

43. There was a large export of mustard-seed to Government Districts from the State and the price of mustard-seed oil rose to 12 annas a seer of 72 Tolas and this caused distress to the people in addition to the distress caused by high price of cloth and other imported goods on account of the Great European War.

44. The epidemic statement submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar, is given below :—

Statement of Epidemic for 1918-19.

Names of Police Stations and Out Posts.	Remaining from the previous year	Number attacked.	Number died	Number cured.	Remaining at the end of the year.
Cholera.					
Tufangunj P. S.	531	419	82	.....
Kotwali P. S.	301	253	48	.....
Dinhata P. S.	93	58	35	.....
Mathabhanga P. S.	158	116	42	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	94	55	39	.....
Mekligunj P. S.	51	42	9	.....
Haldibari P. S.	25	28	2	.....
Total	1253	996	257	.....
Small-pox.					
Tufangunj P. S.	1	17	1	17	.....
Kotwali P. S.	3	34	12	25	.....
Dinhata P. S.	30	10	20	.....
Mathabhanga P. S.	1	.....	1	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.
Mekligunj P. S.	137	19	118	.....
Haldibari P. S.	62	14	43	5
Total ...	4	281	56	224	5
Cattle disease.					
Tufangunj P. S.	8	8	.....	.....
Kotwali P. S.
Dinhata P. S.
Mathabhanga P. S.	257	130	127	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	55	29	26	.....
Mekligunj P. S.	12	90	40	62	.....
Haldibari P. S.
Total ...	12	410	207	215	.....
Influenza.					
Kotwali P. S.	53	30	23	.....
Tufangunj "
Dinhata "	102	38	64	.....
Mathabhanga "	363	115	248	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.
Mekligunj P. S.	715	404	311	.....
Haldibari "	87	70	17	.....
Total	1320	657	663	.....

43. *Public health.*—The public health in the State during the year under review was bad. 996 persons against 62 of the previous year died of Cholera all over the State. The disease broke out in virulent form in the *Sudder* and in the *Tufangunj* Sub-divisions where 253 and 449 persons had succumbed to death out of the total attack of 301 and 531 persons respectively. The number of deaths from Small-pox in the State was 56 against 271 of the year previous. The people of the State also suffered heavily from severe attacks of Influenza during the year under report which caused deaths of 657 persons throughout the State out of a total number of 1320 attacks. Special efforts were made to cope with all the diseases mentioned above and the doctors and vaccinators rendered immediate help to the sufferers all over the State.

46. *Tour of Officers.*—During the year under report Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, Offg. Fouzdari Ahilkar, was out on tour for 15 days and Mr. S. Ghosh, Fouzdari Ahilkar, for 6 days only. No Sub-divisional Offices and Police Stations were inspected by the Fouzdari Ahilkar during the year except the *Haldibari* Police Station. On account of pressure of Court work the Fouzdari Ahilkar could not hold inspections of the other Offices and Police stations.

47. The following statement shews the number of days and nights spent on tour by the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars:—

	No. of days.	No. of nights.	Remarks.
<i>Tufangunj.</i>			
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	88	27	
<i>Dinhata.</i>			
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoomik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar	5	.....
Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Sub-divisional Officer ...	41	.....
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	3	.....
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	6	.....
<i>Mathabhanga.</i>			
Babu Itajani Kanta Bhoomik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	47	19	
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar	5	4	
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	19	4	
<i>Mekligunj.</i>			
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	2	1	
„ Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	75	31	

48. *Conduct of Police.*—The cases against the Police were all against Constables in the year under report.

Sudder.—There were 7 cases against Police Constables. 6 resulted in conviction and one case remained pending at the close of the year as the accused had absconded and could not be brought to trial.

Tufangunj.—There was no case against the Constables during the year under report against 6 cases of the preceding year.

Dinhata.—There were 3 cases against Constables. One resulted in conviction, the accused was acquitted in the 2nd and the 3rd case was dismissed under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.

Mathabhanga.—There were altogether 3 cases against the Constables. One was withdrawn by the complainant under Section 248, Criminal Procedure Code; one was struck off for the present as the accused had absconded and could not be arrested, while the 3rd case remained pending at the close of the year.

Mekligunj.—No case was instituted against the Police during the year against 5 cases of the year previous.

49. *Character of Officers.*—There is nothing to be reported in particular. On the whole, the officers discharged their respective duties fairly well.

II.—POLICE.

50. *Charge.*—Babu Bhola Nath Banerjee, M. A., B. L., was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

51. *Cost.*—The budget provision for the year was Rs. 70,103 against Rs. 62,284 in the preceding year, while the expenditure was Rs. 68,827 against Rs. 57,282 of the previous year. The cost of the Force employed purely on Police work,—prevention and detection of crime,—may approximately be put down at Rs. 25,600 or 8·28 pies per head of population during the year against Rs. 21,650 or 7·00 pies per head in the previous year. The number of Police so employed was 138 against the same number in the previous year.

52. *Cognizable cases.*—The cognizable crime report Statement A (Parts I and II) has been submitted along with the Fouzdari Ahilkar's report.

53. *Cognizable cases.*—The number of cognizable cases (taken up *suo moto* by the Police) during the year was 917 against 960 of the previous year. With the 32 cases pending at the commencement of the year and 4 of 1915-16 and 1916-17, there were 953 cases to be dealt with; of these, 372 cases were sent up for trial, 370 true cases remained undetected, 20 cases were found to be intentionally false and 28 cases were false owing to mistake of law or were declared non-cognizable. The Police refused investigation in 90 cases; 70 cases remained pending at the end of the year either with the Police or with the Magistrates and 3 cases were compromised. The percentage of cases sent up for trial in true cases was 50·13 against 47·75 of the previous year. The percentage of cases convicted to cases sent up for trial was 89·51 against 87·66 of the previous year.

54. *Proportion of Police to population and Crime.*—The following table shews the proportion of Police on purely police-work (prevention and detection of crime) to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last 2 years :—

Year.	Police.	Population.	Cognizable cases.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of Cognizable crime investigated to population
1917-18	138	5,93,052	782	1 to 4297·47	1 to 5·66	1 to 758·37
1918-19	138	5,93,052	816	1 to 4297·47	1 to 5·91	1 to 726·77

55. *Proportion of Cognizable Crime to population.*—The following table shews the proportion of cognizable crime to population and area in the 5 Sub-divisions in the State :—

DETAILS.		NAMES OF SUB-DIVISIONS.					
		Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinbhata.	Nathabhapga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
Area in square-miles	...	294	223	269	334	197	1,307
Population	...	1,30,602	80,147	1,48,529	1,42,704	91,070	6,93,062
COGNIZABLE CRIME.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	8+1	8+1	1	5	7+2	32+4
	Reported during the year.	318	110	275	161	180	944
	Disposed of during the year.	283	110	164	163	153	863
	Pending at the end of the year.	34	9	10	6	11	70
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.		1 to 417·35	1 to 726·90	1 to 548·64	1 to 886·36	1 to 509·15	1 to 648·73
Proportion of cognizable crime to area.		1 to 69	1 to 203	1 to 155	1 to 207	1 to 133	1 to 148

Four of the undetected cases of previous years, were detected in the year under report. These have been included in the pending figures of the Sub-divisions concerned.

56. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which final-report forms were used by the Police during the year under report was 816; of these, 52 or 7.23 per cent were declared intentionally false or false owing to mistake of law, fact or otherwise. 3 prosecutions for bringing false cases were instituted against 4 of the preceding year and there was one pending from that year; of these, 1 ended in conviction, 1 in acquittal and 2 remained pending.

57. *Cases not enquired into.*—A comparative statement is given below shewing the number of cases reported during the year and those of the previous year as also cases not investigated under section 157 (b) of Criminal Procedure Code in those 2 years together with the percentage of cases refused investigation to those reported during those 2 years :—

				YEARS.	
				1917-18	1918-19
Number of cases ...	...	...	...	960	917
Not enquired into ...	...	...	...	243	90
Percentage ...	...	...	...	25.31	9.81

58. *Petition Cases.*—Petition cases referred to Police by the Magistrates for investigation were disposed of as follows :—

Details.				No. of cases.	
Sent up in charge sheets ...	...	...	...	11	
True (undetected) ...	...	...	...	4	
Non-cognizable ...	...	...	...	1	
False ...	...	...	...	10	
Summary ...	...	...	...	111	
Pending ...	...	...	...	1	
Total				...	138

59. *Property stolen and recovered.*—The statement below shews the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last 2 year :—

				YEARS.	
				1917-18.	1918-19.
				Rs.	Rs.
AMOUNT OF PROPERTY	Stolen ...	...	...	27,161	38,030
	Recovered ...	...	...	4,117	3,619
Percentage of recovery				15.15	9.51

60. *Percentage of Conviction.*—The following table shews the result of trial of persons in cognizable cases taken up by the Police as well as those taken up by the Magistrates direct. (*Vide A. ii*) :—

				YEARS.	
				1917-18.	1918-19.
Total number of persons ...	...	...	...	1,067	1,126
Acquitted or discharged ...	...	...	...	377	296
Convicted ...	...	...	...	584	560
Otherwise disposed of ...	...	...	...	68	95
Pending trial ...	...	...	...	37	175
Percentage of conviction ...	...	...	...	50.77	55.42

61. *Remands in Police Cases.*—The statement below shows the cases which have undergone the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates :—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with sections.	DATE OF		Duration of trial.	Order.	REMARKS.
			Charge sheet.	Fiscal order.			
Babu Jagatballabh Biswas Fomdari A.P.P.	12	2 of April 1918 Sec. 436 I. P. O. P. S. Kotwall.	26-8-18	21-9-18	26 days.	Discharge.	
Ditto	6	26 of May 1918 Sec. 379 I. P. O. P. S. Kotwall.	18-8-18	26-8-18	3 months and 11 days.	Conviction.	
Rai Chondhuri Satie Chandu Mustaf Nab Ahlikar.	9	7 of May 1918 Sec. 379 I. P. O. P.S. Tufangunj.	18-8-18	27-8-18	3 months & 10 days.	Do.	
Babu Jagatballabh, Biswas Fomdari Ahlikar.	11	6 of July 1918 Sec. 343 I.P.O. P. S. Kotwall.	6-7-18	29-10-18	3 months and 29 days.	Do.	
Rai Chondhuri Satie Ch. Mustaf Nab Ahlikar.	6	16 of July 1918 Sec. 498 I.P.C. P. S. Kotwall.	2-8-18	26-9-18	1 month & 23 days.	Acquittal.	
Ditto	6	12 of Aug. 1918 Sec. 350 I.P.C. P. S. Kotwall.	25-8-18	19-12-18	3 months & 27 days.	Conviction.	
Babu Dukubina Ranjan Dhar, Nab Ahlikar.	10	4 of Nov. 1918 Sec. 339 I.P.C. P.S. Tufangunj	4-12-18	31-3-19	116 days.	Do.	
Mr. S. Ghosh, Nab Ahlikar.	9	1 of Aug. 1918 Sec. 579 I.P.C. P.S. C.B.G.R.P.	17-8-18	24-12-18	4 months & 9 days.	Do.	
Ditto	8	9 of Aug. 1918 Sec. 312 I.P.O. P. S. Dinbata.	20-8-18	30-10-18	2 months & 11 days.	Do.	
Ditto	8	8 of Sept. 1918 Secs. 467, 480 I. P. O. P. S. Dinhata.	19-9-18	30-11-18	2 months & 13 days.	Acquittal.	
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhounik, Nab Ahlikar.	26	8 of Dec. 1918 Secs. 147, 328 I. P. O. P. S. Mathabhanga.	29-1-17	27-2-19	18 months	Conviction.	
Ditto	9	9 of Dec. 1917 Arms Act Sec. 19 (1) P. S. Mathabhanga.	21-12-17	17-5-18	5 months.	Discharge.	
Ditto	18	5 of Aug. 1918 Sec. 467 I.P.C. P. S. Matha- bhanga.	26-10-18	21-1-19	4 months.	Conviction.	
Ditto	9	6 of Nov. 1918 Secs. 147 & 379 I. P. O. P. S. Mathabhanga.	26-11-18	30-1-19	2 months.	Do.	
Babu Umanath Dutt	17	4 of June 1918 Sec. 364 and 147 I.P.O. P.S. Haldibari.	14-7-18	28-10-18	3 months & 14 days.	Do.	
Ditto	11	1 of Sept. 1918 Sec. 400 I.P.C. and 52 Post office Act, P.S. Haldibari.	31-10-18	1-3-19	3 months.	Do.	
Ditto	11	9 of Nov. 1918 Sec. 308 and 397 I.P.O. P.S. Haldibari.	18-11-18	4-3-19	3 months & 16 days.	Committed to the Court of Sessions.	Pending.
Ditto	7	1 of July 1918 Secs. 326 and 114 I.P.C. P.S. Mekligunj.	7-7-18	8-10-18	3 months.	Conviction.	

62. *Conviction.*—Below is a statement of percentage of conviction in cases and persons in *Sue mate* cases for the last two years :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	1917-18.		1918-19	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1. Sudder	35-81	84-29	40-37	85-61
2. Tufangunj	32-50	87-60	18-57	59-09
3. Dinbata	33-78	90-84	48-12	88-04
4. Mathabhanga	22-64	56-97	40-00	78-31
5. Mekligunj	23-27	73-07	43-13	85-85
For the whole State...	30-92	60-35	40-02	82-06

There were 9 Sessions Cases, of which 6 ended in conviction and 3 remained pending.

63. *Vagrancy and bad characters*.—Seventeen cases were instituted against 7 cases of the preceding year. 41 persons were sent up during the year under report. With 3 pending from previous year, there were 44 persons; of whom 30 were convicted, 5 acquitted or discharged and 9 remained pending.

64. *Arms act*.—One hundred and seventy-five Licenses were issued during the year against 196 in the previous year. 16 cases were instituted under the Arms Act, and all ended in conviction. 4 Guns, 1 Gatia, 8 Spears, 1 Sword and some Gunpowder and shots were seized against 2 Guns, 4 Gatias and 1 Hempai of the preceding year.

65. *Investigation of cases by Police*.—The following is the detail of investigation made by the Police officers :—

By Superintendent of Police	...	...	...	1
„ Inspectors	...	...	...	6
„ Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	764
„ Head Constables...	...	...	...	45
Total				816

The investigations made by the Head-constables were all under unavoidable circumstances.

66. *Absconders*.—Four persons against two persons of the previous year absconded during the year under report. One was arrested, tried and convicted.

67. *Unnatural deaths*.—One hundred and thirty-six cases of unnatural death were reported against 146 of the preceding year, shewing a decrease of 10 cases. Details are given below :—

				YEARS.	
				1917-18	1918-19
Suicide	...	...	...	18	12
Drowning	...	...	...	77	67
Snake bite	...	...	...	22	25
Fall from building	...	...	...	...	...
By wild animals	...	...	...	5	11
Other causes	...	...	...	24	21
Total				146	136

68. *Judicial fines*.—The following statement shews the work in connection with the realization of Judicial fines :—

		1917-18.	1918-19.
		Rs.	Rs.
Balance at the beginning of the year	...	1,042	1,498
Imposed during the year	...	8,596	5,346
Total amount to be realized	...	9,638	6,844
Remitted or written off	...	565	685
Realized during the year	...	7,575	5,133
Balance at the end of the year	...	1,498	1,026

69. *Rewards and punishments.*—The following table shows the rewards and punishments in the Force during the last 2 years :—

RANK.	REWARDS.				PUNISHMENTS.										
					Judicially.				Departmentally.						
	1917-1918.		1918-1919.		1917-1918.		1918-1919.		1917-1918.			1918-1919.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Indian Penal Code	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed.	
		Rs.		Rs.						Rs.			Rs.		
Inspectors	1	60	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspectors	...	11	128	3	100	...	..	..	2	2	2	...	..	..
Head-constables	...	2	13	2	20	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Constables	...	8	11	15	66	5	15	2*	7†	7	17-9-9	11	5	12	14

* One with simple imprisonment and one with fine

† One with rigorous imprisonment, and 6 with fine 7 Constables were dismissed for having been judicially punished and 7 for misconduct and breach of discipline.

70. *Escorts.*—Treasures amounting to Rs. 11,40,571 belonging to both State and Government, against Rs. 12,99,510 of the previous year, were escorted by the State Police. The number of persons escorted during the year was 2,144 against 699 of the preceding year.

71. *Drill and Target practice.*—Fifty-six Constables were given special training in drill and musketry in the training class. No target practice was held.

72. *Retirement.*—Three Head-constables and 7 constables retired during the year.

73. *Good conduct stripes.*—The year closed with 129 persons in possession of good conduct stripes against 122 of the previous year.

74. *Mortality and health of the Force.*—There were 7 deaths during the year against 8 of the preceding year. The daily average of sick in hospital was 2·72 against 2·67 of the previous year.

75. *Fire.*—The Reserve Sub-Inspector was in charge of the Fire Brigade. 15 cases of fire against 3 of the preceding year broke-out in the town, none causing any serious loss to property.

76. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of 2 Jamadars and 21 Chowkidars and the Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga towns had 5, 7 and 6 Chowkidars, respectively, during the year.

77. *Street Lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Town-Committees had 103, 36, 31 and 42 street lamps, respectively, and their respective costs were Rs. 3,041, Rs. 485, Rs. 534, Rs. 526.

78. *Public health.*—The total number of deaths from Cholera was 996 against 62 of the previous year. The out-break was all over the State. The number of cases being the highest in Tufangunj and lowest in Haldibari. The number of deaths from Small-pox was 56 against 271 of the preceding year, all over the State.

79. *Police.*—The following table shows the number of Village Chowkidars rewarded during the last two years :—

		YEARS.	
		1917-18.	1918-19.
<i>Case work ...</i>	Number	8	10
	Amount	Rs. 160	Rs. 69
<i>Good service.</i>	Number	280	705
	Amount	Rs. 270	Rs. 1,060-12

Rupees 356-8 was paid to 17 old and invalid Chowkidars as gratuity.

80. *Inspection.*—A statement of Inspection is herewith enclosed.

81. *Finger-prints.*—Twenty-one finger impressions of under-trial prisoners and suspects were taken and sent to the different Bureaux. In 9 cases identity was established. 53 finger-prints of ex-convicts were sent for permanent record in the Central Bureau.

Thirty-one foreigners (eight Bengalees and 23 Up-country men) were arrested during the year, of whom 27 were convicted either in specific cases or under the preventive sections of the Criminal Procedure Code. One man was not sent up for trial and the cases against three men remained pending at the close of the year.

Among the men convicted, five were registered members of Criminal Tribes.

82. *Emigration and Immigration.*—One hundred and forty-six persons emigrated from and 177 persons immigrated into the State against 260 and 326 persons respectively in the preceding year.

83. *Miscellaneous duties.*—As in the previous year the Police had to perform certain miscellaneous duties other than their legitimate ones.

84. *Training of Cadets.*—Two cadets Jitendra Chandra Sen, B.A., and Panchanan Ganguly have been sent to the Surdah Police Training College for training.

85. *Remarks on the working of the Subordinates.*—Both the Inspectors worked loyally. The action taken under the preventive sections of the Law by Inspector Priya Kanta Chakraverty in his circle deserves special mention as it has stopped dacoities by local gangs who gave much trouble in 1917-18. Sub-Inspectors Joynulla, Jatindra Mohan Roy and Suresh Chandra Sircar worked well as Thana Officers, and Sub-Inspector Moni Mohan Ganguly as the Reserve Officer. Sub-Inspectors Jasoda Kumar Bose, Esrail Uddin Chowdhury and Head-Constable Hari Prosanna Jhampati worked well in connection with the Shooting Camp arrangements.

Head Clerk Behari Lal Sarkar continued to do good work as before. Head Mohurer Jamini Nath Ghosh and 2nd Clerk Ramesh Chandra Das Gupta have also worked well.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

86. *Charge.*—Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee was in charge of the Jail from the 1st to 15th April 1918, when he handed it over to Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., who held it until 1st January 1919. Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., took it over on the 2nd idem and continued until 31st March.

87. *Jail Buildings.*—The buildings and sheds under Fouzdari Ahilkar's control were repaired and kept in order. The cow-shed which was partly made in the last year was completed in the year under report at the total cost of Rs. 892.

The Public Works Department did the ordinary annual repairs to the buildings under their charge and white-washed the godowns and warders' barracks in front of the Jail. Special repairs are urgently necessary. The Bathing platform was repaired by them during the year.

88. *Jail Population.*—The Jail had a population of 193 prisoners at the beginning of the year; 359 were admitted against 419 of 1917-18 and 411 were discharged against 322 of 1917-18, leaving 141 men at the end of March 1919. The daily average population was 120·13 against 114·15 of the previous year. The daily average is steadily increasing.

The maximum number of prisoners confined in the Jail on any one day was 190 against 206 of the previous year.

89. *Convicts.*—The number of convicts at the beginning of the year was 175. The number admitted was 236, being 72 from the local Courts, 4 from British Jails and 160 from the Sub-jails. The number of convicts discharged, transferred, etc., during the year was 285: of which, 160 were released on expiry of sentence, 7 on payment of fine, 10 transferred to British Jails (including 4 *en-route* for the Andamans), 15 on bail, 2 on account of sickness, 9 on remission of sentence under the Mark System and 12 on appeal. Sixty-five convicts released under orders of Your Highness, 4 died (against 3 of the previous year) and 1 escaped from an outside gang working beyond the Jail precincts. The number remained at the end of the year was 126. The daily average number was 110·21 against 114·15 in 1917-18.

90. *Reconvictions.*—The number of reconvicted prisoners admitted during the year was 5 as compared with 9 in 1917-18.

91. *Classification of prisoners (convicts) on the basis of their Religion.*—The following statement will shew the religions of convicts admitted during the year and their percentage as compared with the corresponding figures of the two previous years:—

Description			1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.
ADMISSION.—Hindus ...			80	122	126
Mahomedans ...			51	147	90
Other Denominations ...			2	1	10
PERCENTAGE.—Hindus ...			60·15	45·18	55·75
Mahomedans ...			38·34	54·4	39·82
Other denominations ...			1·50	·37	4·42
ADMISSION.—Natives of the State ...			111	234	173
Foreigners ...			22	36	53
Juvenile ...			2	2	1
Female ...			4	4	3
PERCENTAGE.—Natives of the State ...			83·45	86·6	76·54
Foreigners ...			17·29	13·3	23·45
Juvenile ...			1·50	·74	·44
Female ...			3·00	1·48	1·32

The following statement shews the length of sentences passed on convicts who were admitted during the year from the local Courts as compared with that of the previous year:—

Description.	1917-18.		1918-19.	
	Admission.	Percentage.	Admission.	Percentage.
Not exceeding 1 month ...	23	8·51	13	18·05
Above one month but not exceeding 3 months.	74	27·40	9	12·50
Above 3 months but not exceeding 6 months	69	25·55	18	25·00
Above 6 months but not exceeding 1 year	82	30·37	21	29·16
Above one year but not exceeding 2 years	10	3·70	4	5·56
Above 2 years but not exceeding 5 years	5	1·85	3	4·17
Above 5 years but not exceeding 10 years.	2	·70	4	5·56
Above 10 years	...	.....	...	.....
Transportation for a term ...	...	.....	...	.....
Transportation for life ...	5	1·85	...	.....

92. *Female convicts.*—Two female convicts were admitted direct into the Jail during the year against 3 in the previous year. Their daily average number was 1·25 as compared with 1·79 in 1917-18.

93. *Juvenile offenders.*—One juvenile prisoner was admitted into the Jail during the year as compared with 2 in the previous year.

The following table gives details of the offences committed by, and the punishments awarded to, prisoners during the year as compared with 1917-18:—

OFFENCES COMMITTED.—				1917-18.	1918-19.
Relating to work ...	...	...	...	52	91
" to forbidden articles ...	...	...	...	69	54
" to assault &c. ...	...	...	...	1	5
" to other breaches of Jail rules ..	...	...	...	72	53
Total				194	208
PUNISHMENT INFLICTED.—					
Corporal punishment ...	...	...	...	10	12
Forfeiture of marks ...	...	...	...	14	9
Degradation from higher to lower rank ...	...	...	...	3	7
Hand-cuffing to staple ...	...	...	...	41	6
Night hand-cuffs ...	...	...	...	...	...
Bar fetters ...	...	...	...	2	1
Cross bar fetters ...	...	...	...	8	3
Penal diet ...	...	...	...	21	32
Hard labour ...	...	...	...	2	20
Gunny suit ...	...	...	...	3	4
Solitary cell ...	...	...	...	3	1
Warnings ...	...	...	...	87	108
Total				194	203

Whipping was awarded in 12 cases. The number of stripes inflicted is given below:—

15 stripes each to 3 convicts.

10 " " 7 do.

6 " " 1 convict.

5 " " 1 do.

94. *Mark System.*—The number of convicts released on remission of sentence under the Mark Rules was 9 against 15 in the previous year. The following table shews details of those released during the year:—

Serial No.	Register No.	Names of prisoners.	Crime.	Date of sentence.	Period of sentence.	Date of Release.	Amount of remission granted.
					Y. M. D.		Y. M. D.
1.	2463	Rampada Sidhni	377 I.P.C.	11-8-16	2 0 0	17-5-18	0 2 24
2.	2462	Tustu Charan Das	377 I.P.C.	11-8-16	2 0 0	18-5-18	0 2 23
3.	1271	Suklal Sandar	395 I.P.C.	22-9-09	10 0 0	5-9-18	0 8 16
4.	2211	Jinnat Hossein	43 I.P.C.	26-3-15	4 0 0	1-10-18	0 5 24
5.	2562	Dhan Mamud Nasya	425 I.P.C.	2-4-17	2 0 0	27-12-18	0 3 5
6.	2564	Naifulla Nasya	425 I.P.C.	2-4-17	2 0 0	27-12-18	0 3 5
7.	2563	Setai Nasya	425 I.P.C.	2-4-17	2 0 0	1-1-19	0 3 3
8.	2560	Chika Nasya	424 I.P.C.	2-4-17	2 0 0	9-1-19	0 2 23
9.	2571	Ratneswar Das	379 I.P.C.	17-4-17	2 0 0	27-9-19	0 0 18

95. *Maintenance charge of prisoners at Port Blair.*—A sum of Rs. 700 was paid to the British Government for the maintenance of 7 transportation prisoners at the Settlement. Four more lifers were transferred to the Andamans during the year.

96. *Under-trial prisoners.*—There had been 16 under-trial prisoners at the beginning of the year. Total number of admissions was 118, of which 74 were admitted from the local courts, 10 from Subsidiary Jails and 4 men of the Sub-jails temporarily detained in the Sudder Jail. Total number of discharges was 119, of which 29 were acquitted, 33 released on bail, 48 convicted, 8 sent to Sub-jails and 1 escaped. The number in Jail was 15 (14 male and 1 female) at the end of the year.

97. *Detention of under-trial prisoners.*—The average period of detention of under-trial prisoners during the year was 24.14 days as compared with

18-61 in the previous year. The maximum and minimum periods of detention in the Sessions and the Magistrates' courts are given below:—

	1917-18.		1918-19.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Maximum.	Minimum.
Sessions cases ...	104	16	69	8
Magistrates' cases ...	67	1	104	1

The average period of detention of under-trial prisoners tried by the different courts is shown below:—

(a) By Sessions Judge ...	... 41-41 days.
(b) „ Fouzdari Ahlikar ...	... 21-08 „
(c) „ Sudder Naib Ahlikar ...	... 18-18 „

The following figures will show the number of Natives of the State and foreigners as well as Hindus and Mahomedans detained as under-trials during the year and in the previous year:—

	1917-18.		1918-19.	
	Hindu	Mahomedan	Hindu	Mahomedan
Natives of the State.—
Foreigners.—

The following statement gives the percentages of under-trial prisoners convicted and released out of the total number tried during the year as compared with the figures of the previous two years:—

Description.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.
Number of under-trial prisoners whose cases were tried and disposed of ...	97	125	96
Number of under-trial prisoners convicted ...	42	95	48
Number of under-trial prisoners released ...	55	30	48
Percentage of conviction ...	43.29	76.00	50.00
Percentage of release ...	56.70	24.00	50.00

98. *Civil prisoners.*—There had been 2 Civil prisoners in the Jail at the beginning of the year. 5 were admitted and 7 discharged leaving none at the end of the year. Their daily average number was 46 against 80 in the previous year.

99. *Lunatics.*—The Jail had 2 lunatics at the beginning of the year; 3 were admitted for observation. Four were handed over to their relatives on the recommendation of the Civil Surgeon, leaving only one at the end of the year.

Kumar Kamalendra Narayan was the only person who was left at the close of the year.

No lunatic was transferred to the Berhampur Lunatic Asylum during the year.

A sum Rs. 96 was paid to the Superintendent of the above mentioned Asylum for the detention of a lunatic under his charge.

100. *Employment of prisoners.*—The Convict Warders maintained during the year were employed as watchmen over ordinary prisoners and for carrying messages &c., in the town. They were punished in 10 cases against 21 in the last year. Seven were degraded for misconduct. Their daily average number was 13.79.

They worked fairly well, but in some cases they were found smugglers of contraband articles into the Jail.

The following industries were carried on in the Jail during the year:—

1. Oil Pressing.
2. Gunny weaving.
3. Making jute string.
4. Crushed food.
5. Beated water washing.
6. Gardening.
7. Tapping date trees.
8. Cane and Bamboo work.
9. Grinding of wheat.
10. Cloth weaving.
11. Dhau breaking.
12. Hal grinding.

Prisoners were also employed in Jail Dairy, repairing Jail buildings and in ordinary Jail duties. They were also employed in out-door works of the State and hired to private individuals.

The following table shows the daily average number of labouring convicts employed during the year in different works:—

1. Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed in making articles for Jail use	24-50
2. Repairs to Jail	17-50
3. The Palace and its garden	4-28
4. Working for hire	15-52
5. Jail garden	6-73
6. Jail manufactures	87-95

101. *Earnings*.—The following table shows the result of manufactory operations carried on during the year:—

	Rs.	As.	P.
DEBITS.—			
Cash in hand at the end of the previous year...	40	2	9
Value of manufactured articles at the end of the previous year	780	0	3
Value of raw materials	7,280	14	6
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the year under report	5,802	3	9
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of previous year	1,643	5	0
Value of plant and machinery at the end of the previous year	2,775	7	6
Amount drawn from Treasury during the year	10,242	7	3
Total Debits	28,564	9	0
CREDITS.—			
Cash in hand at the end of year under report	9	6	0
Value of manufactured articles at the end of the year under report	1,827	4	0
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of previous year	5,907	9	6
Value of raw materials at the end of the year... ..	2,736	2	0
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the year	1,818	3	0
Value of plant and machinery	23,186	6	3
Amount paid into Treasury during the year			
Total Credits	34,984	14	9
Difference or profit	6,420	5	9
Average earning per head of those sentenced to labour...	58	9	5
Do. employed in manufactory (including garden) and extra-mural labour ...	106	10	4

The working profit of the year was Rs. 6,420-5-9 as compared with Rs. 5,507-8-9 in the previous year. The value of raw materials at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 5,907 but it included the sum of Rs. 5,802 being the prices of paddy and mustard seeds which were purchased in the latter part of March, but not paid for.

The outstanding sum due to the Jail amounted to Rs. 2,736 as compared with Rs. 1,643 in the previous year.

The sum of Rs. 1,165 has been written off in the last quarter from the value of stock plant and tools, mainly under the *Erated* water, crushed food and oil pressing manufactures. The original value of the machineries purchased years ago, some of which are now nothing but scrap iron, was taken credit of, in calculating profits up to the end of the 3rd quarter of 1918-19. Necessary deductions for this in one year was a great burden on the industry and have resulted in a loss in the *Erated* water manufacture.

102. *Remittance to Treasury.*—Rupees 23,186-8-3 was remitted into the Treasury as compared with Rs. 20,588-8-3 in the previous year.

During the year two new industries (Dhan husking and Dāl grinding) were started experimentally and both proved a success. The former derived a profit of Rs. 437 and the latter Rs. 376. The out-turn was used solely for Jail purposes and the profits made from working of these industries were savings to the State which otherwise would have had to be paid to outside dealers if rice and dāls were entirely purchased from markets as used to be done in former year.

103. *Crushed food.*—This industry derived a profit of Rs. 2,329 during the year from the sales amounting to Rs. 12,944 as compared with an apparent loss of Rs. 1,721 in 1917-18 owing to the surplus stock of Rs. 5,799 left at the close of that year.

104. *Mustard oil.*—The profit under this head amounted to Rs. 992 as compared with Rs. 850 in the previous year. The total sales of oil and oil-cake amounted to Rs. 3,855 against Rs. 3,126 in 1917-18.

Owing to the high prices of seeds the prices of oil had to be regulated according to the fluctuation of the market prices.

105. *Erated waters.*—There was a loss of Rs. 105-9-3 in this industry, the reasons for which are given below :—

- (1) High prices of gas and essences paid during the year on account of War.
- (2) After Mr. S. Ghosh took over charge of the Jail, he noticed that the machines had worn out considerably and when worked resulted in great loss of gas and water due to leakages. Locally they were occasionally repaired but without any good effect. Moreover it was found that the proper percentage (10 p. c. per annum) was never written off for depreciation although the machines have been working for more than 11 years. The stock has therefore been revalued at the close of the year and Rs. 337 written off from it which is presumed to be the reasonable amount, although according to rule there would have been no value left of them after having been used for more than 10 years.

This writing off of the value in the Soda machines resulted in the loss of Rs. 105 in this industry.

106. *Gardening.*—The Jail garden was cultivated as usual. The sale proceeds amounted to Rs. 537 as compared with Rs. 652 in the previous year.

107. *The gross estimated earnings.*—The gross estimated earnings of prisoners are compared in the following table. The estimate is based on the assumption of 4 annas as the daily earning of the convicts irrespective of their age or health.

Description	1917-18.		1918-19.	
	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.
Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed in preparing articles for Jail use	1,773	11	2,232	4
Prisoners employed in Jail repairs	1,266	4	1352	0
Do. Do. in the Palace and its garden	450	4	232	4
Do. hired out	911	12	1,199	4
Do. in Jail garden	564	0	520	0
Do. in manufactures	2,107	12	2,413	8
Total	7,073	11	8,049	4

108. *Expenditure (cost of the Jail).*—The following table shows the gross and net cost of the Jail for the year 1917-18 and 1918-19 together with the gross and net average costs for maintaining each prisoner respectively :—

Heads of charges.	1917-18.			1918-19.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	5,520	7	9	5,194	5	7
Feeding charges	5,022	7	3	6,317	4	3
Contingencies including Hospital charges	1,891	10	9	1,472	6	11
Clothing and bedding	1,050	15	0	1,309	13	0
Building and repairs	1,591	4	3	590	7	9
Travelling allowance ... ..	.....			6	8	0
Gross cost	15,076	13	0	14,890	13	6
Deduct earning	7,038	11	0	8,049	4	0
Net cost	8,043	2	0	6,841	9	6
Average cost of each prisoner ...	132	1	3	123	15	2
Average net cost of each prisoner ...	70	7	4	56	15	1

The increase in the cost of "feeding charges" and "clothing and bedding" was due to the high prices of food-stuffs and of cotton and wollen cloths. It was also partly due to the increased daily average population confined during the year.

The average prices paid for the principal articles of diet are shewn below :—

	Rs.	As.	P.
Rice	3	7	1
Dal	5	2	3
Atta	8	0	0
Mustard oil	23	12	0
Salt	3	10	1
Meat	25	0	0
Fish	16	10	9
Dahi	9	3	2

The average cost per head of each prisoner irrespective of his earnings is given below against each head of charges during 1917-18 and 1918-19 :—

Heads of charges.	1917-18.			1918-19.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	48	5	9	43	3	8
Feeding charges	44	0	0	52	9	4
Contingencies including Hospital charges...	16	9	4	12	4	5
Clothing and bedding	9	3	2	10	14	5
Building and repairs	13	14	10	4	14	6
Travelling allowance ... ..	.....			0	0	10

109. *Health of the prisoners.*—The health of the prisoners was generally good. The total number of prisoners admitted into Hospital was 178 as compared with 112 in the previous year. The daily average sick was 3.90 against 8.05 in 1917-18 and that of convalescent and of medical observation was 1.45 against .72 in 1917-18. The Jail had an epidemic of Influenza "War fever" in October last. The 1st case was imported from a newly admitted convict from Mekligunj Sub-Jail in which Sub-Division the disease was then prevalent. It spread amongst the inmates of the Jail. Altogether there were 31 cases in the Hospital with one fatality.

Four convicts died during the year, viz., 1 from Phthisis, 1 from Diarrhoea, 1 from Malarial fever and the other from Influenza.

Water for drinking purposes was obtained from the Jail well which was occasionally disinfected with permanganate of Potas. It was thoroughly boiled and cooled in earthen *kalsis* before distribution.

The Civil Surgeon visited the Jail every day and examined the water and the food, both raw and cooked.

During the year the Jail was visited once by Your Highness accompanied by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. I visited it on several occasions and the Civil and Sessions Judge paid one visit to the Jail. The Fouzdari Ahilkar inspected the Institution daily.

* Rai Sahib Gurucharan Dutt acted as Jailor throughout the year.

Babus Haranath Sarkar and Basanta Kumar Chatterjee served as a Jail Clerk and store-keeper, respectively, for the full period of the year.

110. *Warder Guard*.—The strength of the Guard had been the same as in the previous year and the difficulty continued in getting suitable man to fill up vacancies.

Statement D, E, F, G, H, I and J are appended hereto.

111. *Lock-ups*.—There had been 20 men in the 4 Lock-ups of the State; 549 were admitted during the year, 343 discharged, 207 transferred to Sudder and 2 escaped from the Dinhata Sub-Jail. The Jail buildings of the Tufangunj Sub-Jail were washed away by the Rydak river. A private building properly enclosed with bamboo fences is being used as a Sub-Jail.

The following table shews the disposal of prisoners in the Lock-ups during the year and in the previous year :—

PARTICULARS.					
		Dinhata.	Mathabhang.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Died	{ 1917-18	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1918-19	.....	.....	.....	.....
Escaped	{ 1917-18	.....	.....	1	.....
	{ 1918-19	2	.....	.....	.....
Released	{ 1917-18	107	68	57	55
	{ 1918-19	105	115	73	50
Transferred	{ 1917-18	87	33	16	23
	{ 1918-19	69	66	54	18

The comparative table given below shews the gross earnings and also the gross and average cost in each of the 4 Lock-ups in 1917-18 and 1918-19:—

Names of Lock-ups.						
		Dinhata.	Mathabhang.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.	
Daily average No.	{ 1917-18	4.36	3.24	2.37	3.74	
	{ 1918-19	8.00	5.03	8.10	1.86	
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Gross earning	{ 1917-18	75 12 6	25 12 6	49 4 0	37 5 0	
	{ 1918-19	80 0 0	42 8 0	117 4 0	6 8 0	
Gross cost	{ 1917-18	456 14 11	377 14 4	345 11 3	336 10 4	
	{ 1918-19	725 5 0	628 13 6	679 9 10	318 2 10	
Average cost	{ 1917-18	104 12 9	110 0 6	125 1 4	103 5 5	
	{ 1918-19	82 5 9	87 5 0	69 6 10	213 18 9	

The Naib Ahilkars of the Sub-Divisions who are officers-in-charge of Lock-ups visited frequently the Institutions under their respective charges. I visited the Dinhata Sub-Jail during the year.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

112. *Charge*.—Mr. N. N. Ray was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

As in previous years the Report has been divided into the following six sections, *viz.*—

- I. Public Works Department—Ordinary.
- II. Palace Public Works Department.
- III. Communication Improvement Fund.
- IV. Contribution Works.
- V. Establishment.
- VI. Chakrajat Public Works Department.

SECTION I.—P. W. D. ORDINARY.

113. The original grant for the year under this section was Rs. 64,864 which was reduced to Rs. 64,754 in the Revised Budget of the year under report.

The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 45,687 against Rs. 55,429 of the previous year. Statements appended herewith will show the details of expenditure under different heads.

The total receipts amounted to Rs. 8,902 against Rs. 8,540 of the previous year.

The expenditure under Section I has been sub-divided into:—

(1). Original Works.

(2). Repairs.

114. (1). *Original Works*.—The total expenditure on Original Works was Rs. 9,801 against Rs. 32,402 of the previous year.

The important Original Works executed during the year under report are briefly described below:—

A two-seated Latrine and Urinal in the Surety Academy.—A two-seated Latrine with pucca floor and Corrugated Iron roofing and a pucca two-seated Urinal with a thatched shed over it were constructed at a cost of Rs. 505 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 585.

Additions to and alterations in the Veterinary Surgeon's quarters.—A Corrugated Iron roofed house 10' × 9' with boarded floor and mat walls besides some other additions to the existing sheds was constructed at a cost of Rs. 385 against the estimated amount of Rs. 481.

Changing beams in Sudder Dispensary.—Twenty-three wooden beams and 90 Borgas had to be changed at a cost of Rs. 801 against the provision of Rs. 926.

Constructing pucca drain west of Carmichael Ward.—A pucca concrete drain 264' long, 3'-6" wide and 1'-3" deep was constructed at a cost of Rs. 677 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 693.

Enclosing the verandah of the Sub-divisional building at Mekligunj.—A portion of the eastern verandah of the Mekligunj Kutchery building had to be enclosed for the accommodation of Mohurers at a cost of Rs. 180 against the provision of Rs. 177. The excess is trifling and has been met from general savings.

Grain Godown in Pūshāri.—A tile roofed house 34' × 13' with 10' thick pucca wall and fluid flooring was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,115 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,200.

Half-terracing the roof of the Vice-President's Office building.—The roof of the Vice-President's Office building was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 654 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 731.

Improvement of Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Dinhata.—The sleeping room of the Naib Ahilkar was provided with brick-nogging walls. Its planked floor was reconstructed and strengthened by additional brick pillars and the floor of the verandah was made pucca at a cost of Rs. 1,161 against the provision of Rs. 1,260.

Providing wooden ceiling to some rooms of the State house purchased from Harendra Babu.—Some of the rooms were provided with wooden ceiling at a cost of Rs. 170 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 200.

Reconstruction of the Lock-up at Tānigunj.—Materials worth Rs. 872 were purchased during the year against the provision of Rs. 1,000. The work could not be commenced as the river started to advance very fast towards the new site which was selected for its reconstruction. The balance of the estimate has been provided in current year's Budget.

Removing and reconstructing the Inspection Bungalow at Tufanganj.—The old Inspection Bungalow being threatened by the river Baidak had to be removed to a new site and reconstructed. The cost of the removal and reconstruction amounted to Rs. 382 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 418.

Removing and reconstructing the Sub-overseer's quarters at Tufanganj.—The quarters had to be shifted to a new site on the ground mentioned above. The works were executed at a cost of Rs. 456 against the provision of Rs. 562.

Two additional rooms in the Dispensary building at Haldibari.—The rooms had to be added to the Dispensary building at Haldibari by enclosing the back verandah for the purpose of store and dressing rooms. The works were completed at a cost of Rs. 223 against Rs. 346 provided in the Budget.

Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur.—Rupees 696 was provided in the Revised Budget of the year for final adjustment of charges. The building was completed at a total cost of Rs. 17,590.

Laying the foundation stone of Chelmsford Ward.—The laying of the foundation stone was unavoidably postponed as Your Highness had to leave Cooch Behar for your visit to England before the date appointed for the ceremony. Rs. 582 was spent in purchasing corner stone and a silver trowel and also for the execution of necessary masonry work.

Forest in General.—A list of forests in the State maintained by this Department is given below. All the forests mentioned therein were maintained according to their necessity at a cost of Rs. 474 against the budget grant of Rs. 800. The saving was effected as no charges for cross-cutting of logs and cart hire thereof were debited to this head as had hitherto been done.

List of Forests in the State maintained by the Public Works Department.

Serial No.	Locality.			Class of Forests.	Natural or cultural.	Areas.		
						B.	K.	Ch.
1.	Nilkuty ...	...	...	Sisoo.	Cultural.	125	0	0
2.	Do. ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	121	0	0
3.	Do. ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
4.	Peelkhana ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	0	18	0
5.	Charakerkutv ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	585	6	12
6.	Ghegirghat Natuarpar ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	300	1	18
7.	Nabniganj Balasi ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	178	13	7
8.	Torsa Char Forest ...	...	...	Do.	Natural.	17	0	4
9.	Kholta ...	...	...	Do.	Cultural.	8	0	0
10.	Bogribari ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	10	0	0
11.	Gossanimari ...	...	...	Sal.	Natural.	67	0	0
12.	Jigabari ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	1	15	0
13.	Nataburi (Charaljani) ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	57	0	0
14.	Charan Suthalee ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	67	0	0
15.	Chota Salbari ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
16.	Bara Salbari ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	50	0	0
17.	Nilkuty ...	...	...	Do.	Cultural.	1	0	0
18.	Do. ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	7	0	0
19.	Mathbhanga Balarhat ...	...	...	Do.	Natural.	38	15	0
20.	Taldhar Bodeswary ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	251	2	0
21.	Gurati ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	124	0	0
22.	Nilkuty ...	...	...	Teak.	Cultural.	3	0	0
23.	Peelkhana ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	2	5	0
24.	Downaguri ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
25.	Nilkuty ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	3	2	0
26.	Talliguri ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
27.	Kholta ...	...	...	Do.	Do.	6	0	0
Total ...						2050	19	9

Planting and protecting trees.—A number of new plants were planted and old plants enclosed with bamboo gabions at a cost of Rs. 588 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,000. The saving is due to the causes stated above.

115. (2). **Repairs.**—The subjoined statement will shew the expenditure on Repairs for the last three years.

The total expenditure under Repairs amounted to Rs. 20,213 against the provision of Rs. 23,790.

Class of buildings.	Expenditure for 1916-17			Expenditure for 1917-18.			Expenditure for 1918-19.		
	Annual	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Private Residences ..	4,635	1,503	6,138	4,912	986	5,898	4,452	1,165	5,617
II. Court Houses ...	926	763	1,689	1,255	1,283	2,538	1,334	1,098	2,430
III. Medical ...	1,123	470	1,593	1,047	229	1,276	1,195	91	1,286
IV. Educational ...	1,172	391	1,563	1,778	468	2,246	1,679	407	2,086
V. Police and Military ...	487	145	582	545	77	622	448	257	700
VI. Government Offices—Post & Telegraph Offices &c	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
VII. Public Works ...	293	199	492	825	.....	825	874	252	1,130
VIII. Dāk Bungalows ...	1,180	78	1,258	1,056	.....	1,056	904	176	1,084
IX. Religious and Ecclesiastical	1,459	118	1,577	2,053	.....	2,053	1,749	91	1,840
X. Jail and Lock-ups ...	210	152	362	494	.....	494	876	.....	876
XI. Miscellaneous	1,161	844	1,505	2,564	458	3,022	2,441	314	2,755
XII. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	1,315	.....	1,315	1,104	.....	1,104	409	.....	409
Total ..	13,911	4,163	18,074	17,133	3,301	20,434	16,364	3,849	20,213

Private Residences.—General repairs were done to the quarters of high officials of the State.

Court houses.—The Court houses and State offices both in Sudder and in Sub-divisions were repaired.

Medical.—General repairs were done to the Dispensaries both in Sudder and in Mofussil.

Education.—General repairs were done to the Victoria College, Jenkins School, Boarding Institution and school buildings in Sub-divisions with Boardings.

Police and Military.—Ordinary annual repairs were executed.

Public Works.—General repairs were done during the year.

Dāk Bungalows.—The Sudder Dāk Bungalow and the Rest houses in Mofussil had general repairs.

Religious and Ecclesiastical.—The Brahmo Somaj Building and the Sudder and Mofussil Thakurbaris had ordinary annual repairs.

Jails and Lock-ups.—General repairs were done to Sudder Jail and Sub-divisional Lock-ups.

Miscellaneous.—Philkhana, Guest houses and Godowns, &c., were generally repaired.

Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—The Polo ground at Nilkuty and Tanks and Wells in Mofussil maintained by this Department were generally repaired.

Tools and Plant.—The under mentioned tools and plants were purchased during the year at a cost of Rs. 362 against the provision of Rs. 1,000. Repairs to tools and plants were done at a cost of Rs. 278 against the provision of Rs. 300 :—

Tarpaulins	...	...	6 Nos.
Manilla Rope	...	...	1 "
Pile driving machine	...	...	2 "
Metallic Tape 100' ft.	...	...	2 "
Do. 50' ft.	...	...	4 "
Foot rule	...	...	7 "
Plotting scale	...	...	1 "
Set square	...	...	1 pair.

SECTION II.—PALACE.

116. **Budget.**—The original grant for the year under report was Rs. 50,546 and it was increased to Rs. 93,250 owing to inclusion of certain new items in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure under this Section amounted to Rs. 85,521 against Rs. 49,298 of the previous year *vide* statements enclosed.

The Palace Public Works Department has been sub-divided into three main heads :—

- I. Cooch Behar Palace.
- II. Woodlands.
- III. Darjeeling.

I.—Cooch Behar Palace.

117. **Original works.**—The original works executed during the year under this Section are described as follows :—

Constructing a Guard room for the Somadhi.—A Corrugated Iron roofed house 15' x 10' was constructed at a cost of Rs. 244 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 313.

Constructing a thatched shed over the Somadhi of His late Highness Raj Rajendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur.—A thatched shed with old iron posts and terraced floor was constructed at a cost of Rs. 308 against the provision of Rs. 300.

Ground and Garden.—Rs. 7,830 has been expended for general maintenance of the garden against the provision of Rs. 7,850.

Half-terracing the Palace roof.—A portion of the roof was half-terraced during the year at a cost of Rs. 5,656 against the provision of Rs. 6,000.

Purchase of furniture.—Rs. 16,600 was paid to different Firms for value of furniture purchased by Your Highness.

Repairs to Palace and connected buildings.—General repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 13,358 against the provision of Rs. 15,400 the details of which are shown in the statement submitted herewith.

II.—Woodlands.

118. The following original works were executed during the year under this head:—

Additions to and alterations in the Household Office room.—Rs. 850 has been expended for certain improvements of the Household Office room against the provision of Rs. 1,091.

Certain improvements of the main building and out-houses.—The following works have been done at a cost of Rs. 8,768 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 10,765.

- (a) Her Highness the Dowager Maharanee's wing was converted into children's quarters.
- (b) Teak wood ceiling was provided for the dining and break-fast rooms and some of the rooms were papered.
- (c) The roofs of the two syces' quarters were reconstructed with a double layer of tiles.

Marbling the Dining room and papering the Drawing room.—The floor of the Dining room was marbled and the Drawing room was papered at a cost of Rs. 3,253 against the provision of Rs. 4,150.

119. *Repairs to houses and up-keep of roads &c.*—The houses were thoroughly repaired at a cost of Rs. 10,148 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 10,030. The excess is trifling and has been met from general savings. The details are shewn in the statement submitted herewith.

III.—Darjeeling.

120. *Original works.*—No original works were done during the year under report. Only ordinary repairs were done, the details of which are shewn in the statement submitted herewith.

A detailed statement of expenditure under different Palaces as compared with those of the two previous years is shewn below:—

Name of Palace.	Expenditure in 1916-17.			Expenditure in 1917-18.			Expenditure in 1918-19.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Palace, Cooch Behar ...	11,851	341	12,192	10,567	205	10,772	13,194	164	13,358
II.— " Woodlands ...	5,617	...	5,617	4,368	214	4,582	10,148	.....	10,148
III.— " Darjeeling ...	2,218	358	2,576	1,789	.....	1,789	1,818	.....	1,818
Total ...	19,686	699	20,385	16,724	419	17,143	25,160	164	25,324

SECTION III.—COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

121. The original grant of the Communication Improvement Fund was Rs. 64,481 and this was increased to Rs. 64,518 in the Revised Budget for the year under report.

The total expenditure in this Section amounted to Rs. 47,966 against the provision of Rs. 64,518 leaving a balance of Rs. 16,552 refunded to the Treasury.

The receipt of the year under report were Rs. 378 against Rs. 216 of the previous year.

The Communication Improvement Fund works have been sub-divided into 2 heads:—

- (1) Original Works.
- (2) Repairs.

122. (1) *Original Works.*—The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 12,832 against Rs. 9,775 of the previous year.

The original works executed during the year under report are briefly described as follows :—

Providing pucca culverts and timber bridges on roads.—The following bridges were constructed out of the project of 1918-19 at a total cost of Rs. 11,748 :—

- (1). Wooden bridge 18' long in the 19th mile of Dinhati—Mekligunj road.
- (2). Wooden bridge 60' long on the Changrabanda Feeder road.
- (3). Pucca culvert 4' span in the 41st mile of Emigration road west of Cooch Behar.
- (4). Wooden bridge 80' long in the 18th mile of Cooch Behar—Sitalkhuchi road.
- (5). Pucca culvert 4' diameter in the 10th mile of Gadhadhar road.
- (6). One wooden bridge 10' span in the 26th mile of Lowkutty road.
- (7). & (8). Two wooden bridges in the 2nd mile of Ratherdanga road.
- (9). One wooden bridge 43' long in the 9th mile of Palacutta road.
- (10). Pucca culvert 4' diameter in the 6th mile of Bhetaguri—Nazirhat road.
- (11). Wooden bridge 15' span in the 2nd mile of Chilakhana—Bhatibari road.
- (12). Pucca culvert 4' span in the 8th mile of Cooch Behar—Garodhat road.
- (13). Pucca culvert 5' span in the 9th mile of Cooch Behar—Garodhat road.
- (14). Wooden bridge 60' long in the 22nd mile of Cooch Behar—Garodhat road.

The two pucca culverts on Changrabanda—Jamaldah road and one in the Dinhati—Mekligunj road within the Mekligunj Sub-division which could not be completed within the year, will be completed during the current year.

The under-mentioned three bridges could not be constructed for want of materials. These three culverts will be constructed during the current year.

- (1). One 3' Diameter pucca culvert in the 9th mile of Balarampur Feeder road.
- (2). One 4' Diameter pucca culvert in the 7th mile of Janaki Tewari road.
- (3). One 10' span Timber bridge in the 26th mile of Lowkutty road.

Reconstruction of an abutment with wing walls of the iron bridge on the 2nd mile of Lowkutty road.—The eastern abutment with wing walls of the bridge which was damaged by the great Earthquake has been reconstructed at a cost of Rs. 473 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 737.

Widening a portion of Chilkiguri road and providing a pucca culvert in front of the Rest house.—Only the pucca culvert has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 200 against the estimate of Rs. 259. The widening of a portion of the road was not thought necessary.

Opening 4 tracks in Garodhat circle.—Four tracks within the Reserve Forest had to be opened during His Excellency the Viceroy's Shooting Camp at a cost of Rs. 416 against the estimated amount of Rs. 570.

123. (2) *Repairs.*—The statement appended hereto will show mileage of roads in the State under this Department with other details. The expenditure incurred on each road has been shewn in the statement "N". The statement "O" gives details of works done on each road. The total expenditure under this head comes to Rs. 33,803 against Rs. 34,416 of the previous year.

SECTION IV.—CONTRIBUTION WORKS.

124. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs 5,810 against Rs. 7,328 of the previous year *vide* statement appended hereto.

The following are the principal items of expenditure.

Sahelganj drain.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 978 was returned to the Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata, as it was settled that no further work was necessary.

Constructing Mekligunj Higher English School.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 453 out of the total contribution of Rs. 6,905 was transferred to contribute for the improvement of old School building at Mekligunj.

Sanitation scheme.—Rs. 106 being the unexpended balance of the State grant was remitted to the Treasury as Public Works Department Miscellaneous receipt.

Higher English School at Dinhata.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 762 out of the total contribution of Rs. 9,407 was returned to the office of the General Department.

Latrine and Urinal attached to Mekligunj Higher English School.—Rs. 141 being the unexpended balance of the total amount of contribution of Rs. 1,242 was transferred to contribute for the improvement of old school building at Mekligunj.

Pucca house at Debibari.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 9 was returned to the Naib Ahilkar in charge Debutter Department.

New Boarding attached to Dinhata School.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 185 was returned to the office of the General Department.

Certain works in connection with College Laboratory.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 45 was returned to the Principal, Victoria College.

Excavating Tank north of road joining Dalton Street and Ahmuty road.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 32 was remitted to the Treasury as miscellaneous receipt of the Public Works Department.

Two additional rooms attached to Tufanganj H. E. School.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 160 was returned to the Naib Ahilkar, Tufanganj.

Additional rooms for Dinhata Boarding.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 88 was returned to the office of the General Department.

Tube well and a light-post for Rajgon Boarding Institution.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 32 was returned to the Superintendent of Boarding Institution.

Improving Raniganj pipe well at Haribola Hat.—Out of the total contribution of Rs. 60 only Rs. 49 was expended during the year under report.

Repairs to Haldibari Boarding.—Rs. 388 was spent for repairs to the Boarding out of the total contribution of Rs. 507.

Pucca Latrine & Urinal for Tufanganj H. E. School.—Rs. 176 was spent during the year out of the total contribution of Rs. 386.

Improvement of old School building at Mekliganj.—Rs. 1,767 out of the contribution of Rs. 1,674 was spent during the year.

Anti-cholera Tube wells.—Rs. 1,000 was placed to the credit of the Public Works Department for sinking Tube wells in cholera affected places. Rs. 923 was spent during the year for the purpose.

SECTION V.—ESTABLISHMENT.

125. *Establishment*.—The following establishment was maintained during the year under review :—

					Rs.
Public Works, Ordinary	...	...	...	...	25,039
Chakrajst	...	...	...	...	579
Palace :—					
Cooch Behar	...	...	...	...	360
Woodlands	...	...	...	...	1,475
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	1,655
Total	...	...	...	...	29,108

This sum was contributed by funds as under:

	Rs.
P. W. Department	27,341
Palace	
Cooch Behar	360
Woodlands	1,580
Darjeeling	1,693
Chaklajet	666
Total	31,640

With the aid of this establishment work to the value of Rs. 1,68,415 was done. The details are given below:—

	Rs.
P. W. Department,—Ordinary	31,658
Communication Improvement Fund	46,635
Palace, Cooch Behar	42,896
" Woodlands	34,532
" Darjeeling	4,603
Chaklajet	5,373
Contribution Works	2,718
Total	1,68,415

The percentage of expenditure on establishment with reference to total expenditure on works comes to 17.28 per cent. against 20.41 per cent. of the previous year.

SECTION VI.—CHAKLAJAT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

126. The original provision in the year under report was Rs. 6,138 and this was increased to Rs. 6,595 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 5,952 against Rs. 5,441 of the previous year.

The statement appended hereto shews the expenditure on works executed during the year under review compared with those of the previous year.

127. Original Works.—

Additions to Debigunj Dispensary.—The work has been completed at a total cost of Rs. 620 against the provision of Rs. 622 in two successive years.

A pucca latrine with a separate Urinal in the Manager's office compound.—A pucca latrine 5' x 4' with one two-seated Urinal has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 196 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 200.

Pucca Latrine with arched roofing in the Manager's quarters.—A pucca latrine with arched roofing has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 241 against the provision of Rs. 250.

Ranigunj pipe well in the Pataram Staging Bungalow compound.—One 2' Diameter Ranigunj pipe well has been sunk at a cost of Rs. 187 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 212.

Removing and reconstructing the Cook shed attached to Sopahar Tehsil Kitchens.—The cook shed has been removed and reconstructed at a cost of Rs. 40.

Ranigunj pipe well for the Phikkana at Debigunj.—A 2' Diameter Ranigunj pipe well has been sunk at a cost of Rs. 203 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 208.

Purchase of two Corrugated Iron Roofed structures of the Kaligunj Police Out-post.—Two Corrugated Iron Roofed structures have been purchased at a total cost of Rs. 650.

128. *Repairs.*—General Repairs were done to the buildings at a total cost of Rs. 3,778 against Rs. 4,284 of the previous year.

Establishment charges came to Rs. 579 against Rs. 598 of the previous year.

V.—ARTISAN SCHOOL.

129. Mr. N. N. Roy was in charge of the Artisan School throughout the year, while Mr. L. N. Dutt, Assistant Engineer, was in immediate charge of the institution : works being carried out under his direct supervision.

Artisan School has got a separate Budget from the beginning of the year under review. Prior to this, Artisan School Establishment was included in the Public Works Department Budget, whereas the wages of labourers and the price of materials etc., were being met from the sanctioned limit of Treasury advance amounting to Rs. 4,000.

The original grant of the Artisan School Budget for the year was Rs. 29,461 which was reduced to Rs. 21,729 in the Revised Estimate. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 19,280 and the unexpended balance of Rs. 3,449 was refunded to the Treasury at the end of the year. Statement of the expenditure is given below :—

ESTABLISHMENT.					Ra.
(1)	Salary of Permanent Establishment	...	...	...	5,218
(2)	Do. of Temporary do.	...	...	...	1,314
(3)	Do. of Tioca do.	...	...	...	2,442
(4)	Travelling	...	...	...	16
(5)	Contingencies	...	...	...	349
	Total	...	...	...	9,339
	Purchase of Tools	...	...	...	496
	Repairing Tools	...	...	...	30
	Purchase of Raw materials	...	...	...	8,400
	Manufacturing Tiles	...	...	...	12
	Repairing Tube wells	...	...	...	8

The estimated amount of receipts for the year was Rs. 20,720, this amount was reduced to Rs. 17,920 in the Revised Budget, whereas the actual receipt at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 13,092 and the value of the surplus material in stock was Rs. 1,700. Out of this Rs. 11,692 has been realised and credited to the Treasury and the balance of Rs. 1,400 is still due from the parties.

130. *Purchase of Tools.*—Rs. 496 has been spent against the provision of Rs. 600 for purchasing two circular saws and one leather belting for Surkee Engine and other minor tools.

131. *Repairing Tools.*—Rs. 30 has been spent for repairing tools against the provision of Rs. 200.

132. *Purchase of raw materials for manufacturing articles.*—Materials worth Rs. 8,400 have been purchased. The normal provision was Rs. 8,000 which has been exceeded by Rs. 400 only. The excess is trifling.

133. *Manufacturing Tiles.*—Rs. 5,000 was originally provided for manufacturing tiles for a tentative measure but as no suitable pressing machine could be found the work could not be taken up during the year and the provision was reduced to Rs. 1,000 only for purchasing such a machine and moulds etc. Out of Rs. 1,000, only Rs. 12 was spent for making wooden moulds etc., and the balance was allowed to lapse.

134. *Repairing tube wells.*—Rs. 3 only was spent for repairing tube wells and on hire and purchase system last year.

VI.—EDUCATION.

I.—PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

135. The year under review was, like the previous one, marked with besetting difficulties, which stood in the way of educational operations in the State. The European War, no doubt, came to a close, but like the last embers of a great conflagration, the epidemic of Influenza, not to speak of Cholera and Small-pox, spread havoc among the inhabitants and brought the distress of the people to its climax. The prices of cloth and food-stuffs shewed a little abatement, but rose again towards the close of the year, while those of the writing materials continued to be prohibitive and even affected the conditions of the University, which ruled that the greatest economy was to be observed in the use of paper in the Matriculation and other public examinations. Our village schools were saved from the sudden crisis by the timely adoption of pristine methods of writing on palm and plantain leaves. There was thus an uphill task for the department to counteract the effects of these unfavourable forces and it is not much to be surprised that the schools declined in number, strength and attendance and even the Higher English Schools, which admirably bore the fiery ordeal so long, could not go unscathed. The following special features of the year's working will, however, shew that the efforts of the departmental officers towards the development of education in the State, did not altogether prove unavailing:—

- (a) An Educational Conference was, under my instruction, held during the year under the presidency of the Principal, Victoria College, to discuss various educational questions and resolutions were passed about (1) uniformity of text-books in the various Higher English Schools, (2) the introduction of Vernacular as the medium of instruction in the junior classes of Higher English Schools and (3) the adoption of transfer rules, which were in force in the Government districts. It is hoped that the Conference, if held annually, will materially help the spread of healthy education in the State and gradually eradicate the evils, that may now be found in the existing institutions.

The provisional recognition of the Tufangunj Higher English School was continued for two years more with effect from 1st January 1919, the permanent recognition being contingent on the fulfilment of certain conditions. Your Highness was, in this connection, graciously pleased to sanction a special grant of Rs. 3,691 for the construction of a boarding-house for the Muhammadan pupils and Rs. 100 was sanctioned out of departmental savings for the proper equipment of the School Library. It is highly gratifying to note that Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan, who is known for his wide sympathy with all that concerns the welfare of Your Highness' subjects, was also pleased to present 87 volumes of books to the Library. The other recommendations of the University are being gradually carried out and it is hoped that it will not be long before the permanent recognition of the school will be secured.

The Dinhata Higher English School, during the year under report, made further improvement by the introduction of the Geography Class, the formal recognition of which is now pending before the Syndicate of the Calcutta University.

The Vernacular Department building in connection with the Mekligunj Higher English School was thoroughly renovated during the year.

under report and the total expenditure which came to Rs. 1,000-0-8, was entirely met from local sources. Rs. 150 was sanctioned out of savings for improvement of the sanitary conveniences in connection with the Boarding Institution, attached to the school.

It is noteworthy in this connection that a special scholarship of the value of Rs. 3-8 a month, tenable for one year, was inaugurated for the first time by the generous donation of Babu Bhuvan Nath Chakravarti of Khagrabari (Cooch Behar), who made over Rs. 1,015 to the State for carrying out the laudable object of advancement of Sanskrit education by competition among the students of the several Higher English Schools in the State.

- (b) Middle Class education also received support during the year under report by the gracious visit of Your Highness to the Nishimoyee Middle Vernacular School on the occasion of Your Highness' visit to Mathabhanga in April last year. Two new Middle Vernacular schools were brought into existence by enhanced grants to two of the most deserving Upper Primary schools in the State and one unaided Middle English class continued to be maintained with local support.

Proposals were submitted for consideration at the close of the year for extension of the present building of the Haldibari Middle English School to meet the growing demand for increased accommodation. The necessary plan and estimate were prepared and are awaiting sanction. The boarding-house, too, was provided with planked floor and thoroughly repaired.

As in previous years, the equipment of Middle Class Schools was greatly improved by suitable provision of maps and chairs. From the Reserve Fund of the education budget.

- (c) Primary Education, too, received its due share of attention, though the work in this connection entailed stupendous labour and great patience on the part of the educational officers. The desolation of the villages through epidemics and the want, that stared the people in the face, appeared to be formidable drawbacks, but it is gratifying to note that the Secretaries and Managers of the schools never failed to be encouraged by the Inspecting officers, who gave them hopes of better days. The decline in the number of this class of institutions was thus very slight and the strength and attendance in these, though not as satisfactory as those of previous years, showed that our efforts were not altogether futile.

The addition of a sum of Rs. 1,000 in the budget allotment, Your Highness' sanction saved the department from depending upon problematical savings for the maintenance of a number of Primary and Middle Class schools, as was heretofore the case.

- (d) Female education, too, received further support during the year under report and during my last inspection of the Mekligunj Sub-division an enhanced aid was granted to the Mekligunj Girls' school, to enable the Secretary to increase the salary of the Pundit. A new building, the foundation-stone of which was laid by Her Highness the Maharanee Saheba, has shortly been proposed to be constructed. Much remains to be done for furtherance of the cause of Female education in the State, but the prospect is not altogether hopeless.

- (e) Muhammadan education did not prosper as in previous years, but the State, in no case, withheld its support, so far as individual institutions were concerned, in spite of the depressing circumstances, that stood in the way of their improvement.

136. The following comparative table gives a bird's-eye-view of the strength, attendance and expenditure of the different classes of educational institutions in the State during the last two years : -

Class of Schools.	1917-1918.			1918-1919.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-1918.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919.		
	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1918.	Average daily attendance.	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1919.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
I.—State Institutions—							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Middle Vernacular	13	826	608	13	793	542	4,031	1,879	5,910	4,135	1,908	5,943
TOTAL	13	826	608	13	793	542	4,031	1,879	5,910	4,135	1,908	5,943
II.—Grant-in-aid Schools—												
Higher Class English	4	1,090	828	4	1,007	818	18,233	16,818	3,051	13,236	17,594	30,830
Middle Class English.	15	597	449	15	554	375	3,026	6,511	10,137	3,711	5,647	9,358
Ditto Vernacular	18	871	568	20	1,020	707	2,436	2,128	4,564	2,608	2,827	5,430
TOTAL	37	2,558	1,845	39	2,581	1,900	19,295	25,457	44,752	19,550	26,068	45,618
III.—Primary Schools—												
Upper Primary	44	1,931	1,372	42	1,778	1,106	3,111	3,161	6,272	2,933	2,856	5,789
Lower Primary	164	5,486	3,939	154	5,119	3,524	5,646	7,594	13,240	5,733	7,888	13,621
Night Schools	11	109	131	10	165	110	293	156	449	267	68	335
Girls' Schools	5	82	60	4	60	48	132	36	168	115	30	145
Muktabs	4	69	55	4	70	54	102	140	262	115	174	289
TOTAL	218	7,770	5,537	214	7,195	4,929	9,304	11,087	20,391	9,163	11,016	20,179
IV.—Private Schools—												
Middle Class English	3	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	234	234	.....	448	448
Middle Class Vernacular.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Primary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary	75	2,294	1,572	74	1,912	1,242	.....	2,672	2,672	.....	2,399	2,399
Night Schools	14	164	87	10	127	78	.....	212	212	.....	120	120
Girls' Schools	4	46	20	3	36	21	.....	86	86	.....	72	72
Muktabs	4	101	75	2	52	40	.....	131	134	.....	48	48
TOTAL	100	2,605	1,754	91	2,127	1,381	.....	3,338	3,338	.....	3,047	3,047
GRAND TOTAL	368	13,759	9,762	357	12,696	8,752	32,630	41,761	74,391	32,848	41,979	74,827

From the above table it will be seen that on the 31st March last there were 357 Primary and Secondary Schools in the State with a strength and an average daily attendance of 12,696 and 8,752, respectively, against 368 schools with 13,759 pupils and an average daily attendance of 9,762 in the year before. There was thus a decrease of 11 in the number of institutions, of 1,063 in that of pupils and of 1,010 in the average daily attendance during the year under report. A closer examination of the details will shew that among the aided institutions the Middle Class Schools rose by 2, while the Primary ones went down by 4, and among the unaided ones there occurred a decrease of 9, resulting in a total loss of 11 institutions. The percentage of attendance in the aided institutions went down from 71.7 to 69.8, while that of the unaided ones, from 67.3 to 64.9. The local income of the former class of schools improved from Rs. 86,544 to Rs. 37,084, while that of the latter class declined from Rs. 3,338 to Rs. 3,047.

137. *Results of Public Examinations.*—The following comparative table shows in a summary form the results of the schools in the several public examinations :—

Class of Schools.	1917-1918.						1918-1919.					
	No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.				No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
University Matriculation	4	38	12	8	1	21	4	37	...	...	...	...
Middle English ...	16	50	6	12	6	23	17	63	6	16	9	31
Ditto for Females ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Middle Vernacular	31	79	4	24	3	31	27	71	3	13	2	17
Ditto for Females ...	2	2	1	1	...	2	2	10	1	1	...	1
Upper Primary	111	315	21	108	94	223	106	347	10	58	97	165
Ditto for Females ...	9	15	5	4	1	10	4	6	1	2	1	4
Lower Primary	260	769	332	220	...	552	239	642	317	163	...	480
Ditto for Females ...	7	16	5	8	...	13	6	12	8	3	...	11
Sanskrit Tole	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	441	1280	386	385	105	876	399	1180	345	255	109	709

From the foregoing table it will be seen that to the last Matriculation Examination of the Calcutta University the four Sub-divisional Higher English Schools sent up 37 candidates against 33 of the previous year. The results are not yet out. In the preceding year 21 or 63·6 per cent. passed, 12 in the first division, 8 in the second and 1 in the third.

In the competitive examinations for Middle and Primary scholarships, the Cooch Behar schools passed 31 Middle English, 18 Middle Vernacular, 169 Upper Primary and 491 Lower Primary candidates against 23 Middle English, 33 Middle Vernacular, 233 Upper Primary and 565 Lower Primary candidates of the previous year. The percentage of passes was 64·5 against 66·7 of the preceding year and was mainly brought on by irregular attendance due to adverse conditions, enumerated above.

From the female schools 2 candidates were sent up to the Middle Vernacular, 6 to the Upper Primary and 12 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of these, 16 or 80 per cent. passed against 83·3 of the year preceding, 9 being placed in the first division, 6 in the second and 1 in the third.

The Sanskrit Toles did not send up any candidate to compete for the Temple scholarship, the *Adhyapak*s (preceptors) not being in a position to feed the pupils, as was customary in previous years.

A systematic effort was made during the last year to raise the standards of the Middle and the Primary Scholarship Examinations and the comparative stiffness of the questions lowered, to some extent, the percentage of passes in the different examinations. The final adoption of rules regarding these examinations and the award of scholarships on their results, are now awaiting sanction.

138. *The Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—The number of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools was 4, as in the previous year. These schools were kept up on a sound and efficient basis, though they shared the general decline in strength and attendance. The following table gives in a summary form all necessary particulars about the Sub-divisional Higher

English Schools at Mathabhanga, Mekligunj, Dinhata and Tufangunj, as they existed on the 31st March, 1919 :—

Class of Institutions.	No. of students.	No. on the 31st March 1919.	Languages studied.		EXPENDITURE.				
			English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.			Grand Total.
						School fees.	Other sources.	Total.	
1. Mathabhanga H. E. ...	800	948	388	67	Rs. 3,860	Rs. 4,377	.....	Rs. 4,377	Rs. 7,237
2. Mekligunj H. E. ...	243	198	194	48	3,364	4,886	.....	4,886	8,090
3. Dinhata H. E. ...	382	243	241	41	3,810	4,827	417	5,344	8,864
4. Tufangunj H. E. ...	188	182	180	24	3,153	2,873	744	3,617	6,469
Total	1,007	818	827	180	13,236	16,483	1,161	17,644	30,820
Figures for 1917-18	1,090	830	804	196	13,233	13,733	1,085	14,818	30,061

From the above table it will be seen that on the 31st March last there were 1007 pupils on the rolls of the 4 Sub-divisional Higher English schools in the State against 1090 on the same date of the previous year. Of these, 781 were Hindus, 225 Muhammadans and 1 Christian against 828 Hindus, 261 Muhammadans and 1 Christian of the preceding year. The number of pupils increased by 12 in the Tufangunj School and decreased by 24, 43 and 28 in the Mathabhanga, Mekligunj and Dinhata schools respectively, showing a net loss of 83 pupils. The average daily attendance in these schools during the year was 82.3 per cent. of the average enrolment, as compared with 84.2 of the previous year. Of the total number of pupils 449 or 44.5 per cent. were pure natives of Cooch Behar against 511 or 46.8 per cent. of the previous year.

The financial condition of these schools continued satisfactory. The income from fees and fines in them rose last year from Rs. 16,107 to Rs. 17,191 or by Rs. 1,084. The invested funds rose from Rs. 42,841 to Rs. 44,291 and there was also a local cash balance of over Rs. 4,970 in the hands of the secretaries. A sum of Rs. 3,500 was added to the funded capital of the Mathabhanga School and of Rs. 2,000 to that of the Dinhata School from the floating cash balance of these two institutions.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 30,830, of which Rs. 13,236 was contributed by the State, while Rs. 17,594 was derived from fees and other sources. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 30,051, Rs. 13,233 and Rs. 16,818. The increase of Rs. 779 in expenditure was due to increased expenditure under "Establishment" and "Library, including teaching apparatus" in the Dinhata Higher English School and periodical increments to teachers in the Mekligunj and the Tufangunj Higher English Schools.

139. *School Building.*—The Vernacular Department building of the Mekligunj Higher English School was overhauled and renovated during the year under report at a cost of Rs. 1,000-0-8, met entirely from local sources.

The Mekligunj Higher English School building has been pronounced by the State Engineer to be in an unsafe condition and proposals for its improvement are under consideration.

The buildings of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools were maintained by the Public Works Department, as in previous years.

140. *Teaching Staff.*—Vacancies occurred in the posts of the Senior Mathematical and the Sixth Assistant Teacher at Mathabhanga, of the Persian Teacher at Mekligunj and the senior teachers of Mathematics and History at Dinhata, which were filled up, with due promptness.

At the close of the year one more additional teacher was added to the staff of the Dinhata Higher English School, this being a tentative measure sanctioned for one year, as the maximum number limit, prescribed by the Calcutta University, was exceeded in one of the classes of the school.

141. *Managing Committees.*—The committee of each of the Higher English Schools had 9 sittings on an average during the year under report, the Sub-divisional Officer being the ex-officio President in each case. The resolutions, passed by the committees were submitted for my consideration and the decision was duly acted up to.

142. *Examinations results.*—The following table shows the results of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools in the various public examinations:—

	MATRICULATION					MIDDLE ENGLISH					MIDDLE VERNACULAR					UPPER PRIMARY					LOWER PRIMARY				
	No. of candidates	Number passed				Total	No of candidates	Number passed				Total	No of candidates	Number passed				Total	No of candidates	Number passed				Total	
		I	II	III				I	II	III				I	II	III				I	II	III			I
Mathabhanga H. E	12	1	.	.							6	8	8	2			1	1	4	2	2	4			
Corresponding for 1917-18	11	4	2	1	7						4	1	1	2	1	1		2	16	4	10	14			
Mekligunj H. E	6										3			5			2	2	1	1		1			
Corresponding for 1917-18	8	2	2		4	..					4			4	1	8		4		..					
Dinhata H. E	12													9	2	4	1	7							
Corresponding for 1917-18	10	3	3	0	6						1	1	.	1	3		2	1	8	9	4	8	7		
Tufangunj H. E.	5																			..	.	..
Corresponding for 1917-18	4	3	1		4															..	..	..

It will be seen from the above that to the last Matriculation Examination 37 candidates were sent up from the four Sub-divisional Higher English Schools. The results have not yet been published. In the Matriculation Examination of the previous year 33 boys appeared, of whom 21 came out successful, 12 in the first division, eight in the second and one in the third. It is gratifying to note that a boy of the Mekligunj School, who won the competitive scholarship of Rs. 15 a month for standing first in the list of successful candidates in the Cooch Behar State, was also awarded the Bhuban Nath Chakravarti Scholarship of Rs. 3-8 a month for securing the highest mark in Sanskrit.

From the attached Vernacular Departments of the several Higher English Schools 30 boys were sent up to the Departmental Scholarship Examinations and of them, 18 or 60 per cent. passed, five in the first division, nine in the second and four in the third against 32 or 76·1 per cent. in the preceding year.

143. *Prizes.*—The State grant for the purchase of prize-books for the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools, including Your Highness' special prizes, continued to be Rs. 333. I presided over the Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Mekligunj School in the early part of the year under report and Maharaj Kumar Victor N. Narayan was pleased to give away the prizes in the Tufangunj Higher English School in April, 1919, the Dewan of the State also being present on the occasion. The Secretary to Your Highness was also pleased to preside over the function at Dinhata last year.

144. *Discipline.*—No case of unruly or impolite behaviour was reported during the year.

145. *Boarding Institutions.*—On the 31st March last there were 150 inmates in the four Boarding Institutions, attached to the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools against 191 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of 41 boarders due to general distress and economic stringency. Of the 150 boarders, 88 were Hindus and 61 Muhammadans, natives of Cooch Behar numbering 80.

These institutions worked well under the management of the resident teachers and the strict supervision of the Head-masters. Your Highness was graciously pleased to sanction a special grant of Rs. 3,601 to carry out the proposal of constructing an additional boarding-house for the Mubarraman pupils in connection with the Tufangunj Higher English School. A sum of Rs. 150 was also sanctioned from department saving towards the construction of a four-seated latrine for the Mekligunj Boarding Institution. The State paid Rs. 1,716 for the establishment charges of the institutions against Rs. 1,713 of the preceding year. The proposal for improvement of the site of the Dinbata Boarding Institution by removing some of the houses in the middle to one end of the compound, has received my approval and the work in this connection is already in progress.

146. *Middle English Schools*.—The following table summarises the condition of the Middle English Schools in the State, as they existed on the 31st March, 1919:—

	Name of School.	No. of Students.		Language.		EXPENDITURE.		
		Roll on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.	Total.
1917-18.								
1	Gobrasarah ...	72	56	55	72	360	661	1021
2	Kharkharia ...	57	58	47	57	300	465	765
3	Haldibari ...	108	80	101	108	480	955	1435
4	Soulmari ...	50	36	32	50	300	300	600
5	Maricha ...	65	54	40	65	444	444	888
6	Khagrabari ...	49	37	16	49	180	354	534
7	Upanchouki ...	54	44	30	54	156	670	826
8	Bamanhat ...	81	50	60	81	300	695	995
9	Fulbari ...	61	34	13	61	180	422	602
10	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	148	.....	300	580	880
11	Chilakhana ...	.....	.....	19	.....	120	160	280
12	Kheti ...	.....	.....	25	.....	120	120	240
13	Dewanhat ...	.....	.....	13	.....	88	88	172
14	Kotebhajani ...	.....	.....	44	.....	180	479	659
15	Sitalkhuchi ...	.....	.....	24	.....	120	120	240
16	Dewanboah ...	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	144	144
17	Gitaldah ...	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	60	60
18	Junglebosh ...	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	80	80
Total		597	449	727	597	3626	6745	10371
1918-19.								
						Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Gobrasarah ...	57	48	44	57	360	630	990
2	Kharkharia ...	63	41	46	63	300	490	790
3	Haldibari ...	96	61	69	96	576	794	1,372
4	Shoulmari ...	38	27	19	38	288	300	588
5	Maricha ...	74	45	48	74	444	444	888
6	Khagrabari ...	47	39	23	47	180	320	500
7	Upanchouki ...	76	54	29	76	113	685	823
8	Bamanhat ...	73	51	54	73	300	544	844
9	Fulbari ...	65	32	28	65	190	470	650
10	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	163	.....	300	453	753
11	Chilakhana ...	.....	.....	17	.....	100	30	130
12	Kheti ...	.....	.....	22	.....	120	120	240
13	Dewanhat ...	.....	.....	12	.....	120	120	240
14	Kotebhajani ...	.....	.....	61	.....	180	126	306
15	Sitalkhuchi ...	.....	.....	27	.....	120	120	240
16	Dewanboah ...	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	144	144
17	Gitaldah ...	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	304	304
Total		554	375	729	554	3,711	6,095	9,806

It will be seen from the above that the number of regular Middle English schools and English classes attached to Vernacular Schools was 17, 15 being aided and 2 unaided against 15 aided and 3 unaided ones of the year before. The English Class attached to the Junglebosh Middle Vernacular School ceased to exist for want of local support and this accounts for the decrease of one in the number of unaided Middle English Schools.

On the 31st March 1919, there were 554 pupils in the regular Middle English Schools in the State, as compared with 597 pupils on the same date of the year preceding. Of these, 322 were Hindus and 232 Muhammadans. The number of pupils decreased by 43 in the schools, owing to the unfavourable character of the year. The percentage of attendance in these schools was 71 last year against 72.7 of the year before. The number of English-reading boys in these schools rose from 727 to 739.

The expenditure on the Middle English Schools amounted during the year to Rs. 9,806, of which Rs. 3,711 was paid by the State and Rs. 6,095 met from local sources.

The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 10,371, Rs. 3,626, and Rs. 6,745. The expenditure on these schools decreased by Rs. 565 and this was due to decrease in the number of boys in these institutions and the distressed condition of the people.

The success achieved by the Middle English Schools in the several Scholarship Examinations is shewn in the following comparative table:—

Class of Examinations.			1917-18.					1918-19.				
			No. of candidates sent up.	No. passed.				No. of candidates sent up.	No. passed.			
				I.	II.	III.	Total.		I.	II.	III.	Total.
Middle English	...	...	54	6	12	5	28	68	6	16	9	31
„ Vernacular	...	...	10	...	6	...	6	4	...	...	1	1
Upper Primary	...	...	45	9	20	10	89	48	3	16	12	31
Lower Primary	...	...	19	12	5	...	17	22	13	1	...	14
Total	...	...	124	27	43	15	85	135	22	33	22	77

The Middle English Schools in the State sent up 135 candidates last year to the Departmental Scholarship Examinations, viz., 68 to the Middle English, 4 to the Middle Vernacular, 46 to the Upper Primary and 23 to the Lower Primary. Of the 126 candidates actually examined, 77 or 61.1 per cent. came out successful, 22 in the first division, 33 in the second and 22 in the third. The percentage of passes in the preceding year was 68.5.

147. *The State Model Schools.*—The following table gives particulars about the Model Vernacular Schools in the State, as they existed on the 31st March 1919 :—

No.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. OF STUDENTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
		No. of pupils on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average.	State grant.	School fees and fines.	Total.
1917-1918.					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sudder Model...	190	164	205	778	692	1,470
2	Balarampur ...	68	48	62	341	65	406
3	Baneswar ...	50	32	44	301	65	366
4	Natabadi ...	60	37	51	249	118	367
5	Chilakhana ...	62	34	63	218	126	344
6	Dewanhat ...	63	42	57	246	120	366
7	Gitaldah ...	62	50	60	304	97	401
8	Changalanda ...	44	36	48	335	91	426
9	Pundibari ...	84	22	33	273	75	348
10	Khetl ...	39	16	34	269	48	317
11	Kesaribari ...	47	25	30	297	61	358
12	Shitalkhuchi ...	54	45	59	146	120	266
13	Dewanganj ...	58	43	64	224	178	402
Total		826	608	814	4,081	1,879	5,910
1918-1919.							
1	Sudder Model...	205	150	193	787	714	1,501
2	Balarampur ...	51	42	64	358	68	426
3	Bane-war ...	45	26	45	285	63	348
4	Natabari ...	52	37	51	250	118	368
5	Chilakhana ...	56	31	61	238	120	358
6	Dewanhat ...	60	43	54	234	114	348
7	Gitaldah ...	61	47	60	290	110	402
8	Changalanda ...	38	30	38	353	73	426
9	Pundibari ...	43	22	36	293	78	371
10	Khetl ...	37	24	34	249	49	298
11	Kesaribari ...	34	23	39	300	60	360
12	Shitalkhuchi ...	50	35	45	225	100	325
13	Dewanganj ...	50	32	54	260	151	411
Total		793	542	754	4,135	1,808	5,943

The number of Model Schools in the State remained stationary at 13. There were 793 pupils on the rolls of these Schools against 826 of the previous year. Of these, 578 were Hindus, 214 Muhammadans and 1 Christian against 618 Hindus, 207 Muhammadans and 1 Christian of the previous year. The number of pupils decreased by 57 in 11 Model Schools and increased by 24 in two, showing a net decrease of 33 pupils. The percentage of attendance in these schools was 71.8 against 74.6 of the previous year. The State spent Rs. 4,135 on the Model Schools during the year under report and Rs. 1,808 was deposited in the Treasuries as fee collections. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 5,910 and Rs. 1,879. The decrease of Rs. 71 in the fee collections was due to decrease in the number of pupils.

The Model Schools in the State sent up last year 22 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 56 to the Upper Primary and 18 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations and of this total of 96 candidates, 6 were absent, and 49 or 54.4 per cent. passed, 19 in the first division, 19 in the second and 11 in the third. In the preceding year 87 or 73.7 per cent. passed out of 118 sent up.

148. *Middle Vernacular Schools.*—During the year under report the number of Middle Vernacular Schools rose from 18 to 20, due to the raising of the Jamaladah Upper Primary School in Mekligunj to the Middle Vernacular status and the establishment of the Harakumari Middle Vernacular School at Nasirerhat in the Dinhat Sub-division.

On the 31st March last these schools had a roll-call of 1020 pupils against 871 of the previous year. Of these, 661 were Hindus, 355 Muhammadans and 4 Christians against 522, 345 and 4 respectively of the previous year. The percentage of attendance fell from 78.7 of the previous year to 74.3. This was due to the general distress of the people, as referred to above.

The expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 5,430, of which Rs. 2,906 was borne by the State and Rs. 2,524 contributed locally. The corresponding figures in the previous year were Rs. 4,564, Rs. 2,426 and Rs. 2,138 respectively. The increase of Rs. 167 in the State's share as also of Rs. 699 in that of the people, was due to the addition of two Middle Vernacular Schools to the list, viz., the Jamaladah Middle Vernacular and the Harakumari Middle Vernacular.

These schools sent up 21 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 46 to the Upper Primary and 46 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of this total of 113 candidates, 5 were absent and 63 came out successful, 28 being placed in the first division, 17 in the second and 18 in the third. The percentage of passes was thus 58.3 against 70.5 of the previous year.

149. *Special Schools.*—The number of Specials Schools in the State remained stationary at 3. There were 121 pupils on their rolls on the 31st March last against 124 of the preceding year. Of these 38 were Hindus and 83 Muhammadans. The percentage of attendance was 70.3 against 84.7 of the previous year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 488, of which Rs. 336 was paid from the State and Rs. 152 met from the local sources against Rs. 546, Rs. 336 and Rs. 210 of the preceding year.

The number and the average daily attendance of pupils in the Sudder Nagri School remained 30 and 23 respectively, as in the preceding year. To the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination the school sent up 2 candidates, who were examined in the text-books prescribed for the same examination of the Patna Division. Both passed in the first division.

The number of pupils in the Sudder Madrassa was 31 against 50 of the previous year, but the average daily attendance declined from 25 to 23. 25 boys were examined by the Moulavi of the Jenkins School at the time of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination and 12 of them came out successful.

The number on the rolls of the Anjumani Islamia declined from 64 to 60 and the average daily attendance from 36 to 30. This school sent up 1 candidate to the Upper Primary and 2 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of these, 2 passed and were placed in the first division.

150. *Primary Schools.*—The following table gives the particulars of the Primary Schools, as they existed on the 31st March last:—

CLASS.	No. of Institutions.	No. on the roll on the 31st March.	Average daily attendance.	EXPENDITURE.								
				State grant.			Local sources.			Total.		
				Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
AIDED 1918-19.												
Upper Primary Schools	42	1,778	1,196	2,933	0	0	2,856	0	0	5,789	0	0
Lower Primary Schools	154	5,119	3,524	5,783	0	0	7,888	0	0	13,671	0	0
Night Schools	10	168	110	267	0	0	68	0	0	335	0	0
Girls' Schools	4	60	45	115	0	0	30	0	0	145	0	0
Total	210	7,125	4,875	9,048	0	0	10,842	0	0	19,890	0	0
Corresponding Total for 1917-18	214	7,701	5,502	9,182	0	0	10,947	0	0	20,129	0	0
UNAIDED 1918-19.												
Upper Primary Schools	74	1,912	1,242	.....	.....	.....	2,399	0	0	2,399	0	0
Lower Primary Schools	10	127	78	.....	.....	.....	180	0	0	180	0	0
Night Schools	3	36	21	.....	.....	.....	73	0	0	73	0	0
Girls' Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	87	2,075	1,341	.....	.....	.....	2,591	0	0	2,591	0	0
Corresponding Total for 1917-18	98	2,504	1,679	.....	.....	.....	2,970	0	0	2,970	0	0
Grand Total for 1918-19	297	9,200	6,216	9,048	0	0	13,433	0	0	22,421	0	0
Corresponding Grand Total	307	10,189	7,171	9,182	0	0	13,917	0	0	23,099	0	0

151. *The Upper Primary Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were 42 aided Upper Primary Schools in the State against 41 such schools on the corresponding date of the previous year. By redistribution of grants 2 good Upper Primary schools of last year were raised to the Middle Vernacular status, 3 bad Upper Primary schools were reduced to the Lower Primary status and 3 good Lower Primary schools were given Upper Primary grants, the result being a decrease of 2 in the number of institutions of this class.

The 42 Upper Primary schools had a strength of 1778 pupils, of whom 1196 attended daily on an average against a strength and an attendance of 1934 and 1372 respectively of the preceding year for 44 schools. The average strength of each school was 42.3 against 43.9 of the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 5,789, of which Rs. 2,983 was paid from the State and Rs. 2,856 met from the local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 6,272, Rs. 3,111 and Rs. 3,161. The expenditure on these schools came down with the decrease in the number of institutions.

The Cooch Behar schools sent up last year 353 candidates to the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination. Of these, 20 were absent and 169 or 50.7 per cent. passed, 11 in the first division, 60 in the second and 98 in the third against 233 or 75.4 per cent. in the previous year.

152. *Lower Primary Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were 228 Lower Primary schools in the State, of which 154 were aided and 74 unaided against 154 aided and 75 unaided ones of the preceding year. The number of aided Lower Primary schools remained stationary, but that of the unaided class decreased by one.

These schools had on the 31st March last 7031 pupils on their rolls and of them 4766 attended daily on an average against 7780 and 5511 on the rolls of 229 Lower Primary Schools of the year preceding. The average strength of a Lower Primary School was 30.8 against 33.9 of the year preceding.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 16,020, of which Rs. 5,733 was paid from the State and Rs. 10,287 met from the local sources against Rs. 15,912, Rs. 5,646 and Rs. 10,266 respectively in the preceding year.

153. The following table compares the results of the Lower Primary schools for the last two years:—

No.	Centre of Examination.	No. of school.	No. of candi- dates.	1917-1918.				1918-1919.					
				No. passed.				No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	No. passed.			
				I.	II.	Total.	Absentees.			I.	II.	Total.	Absentees.
1	Sudder ...	74	211	58	53	111	6	69	189	81	48	129	6
2	Dimbata ...	64	173	85	40	125	5	58	155	61	30	101	7
3	Mathabanga ...	50	128	41	62	103	1	47	98	56	20	76	5
4	Mekligunj...	54	183	105	61	166	2	41	143	76	48	124	...
5	Tufangunj ...	25	90	48	22	70	6	24	49	61	15	66	1
	Total	267	785	387	228	615	20	239	654	325	168	491	19

Last year 654 candidates were sent up to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations from 239 schools of all classes against 785 from 267 schools in the preceding year. Of the candidates enrolled, 639 were actually examined and of these, 491 passed, 325 in the first division and 166 in the second. The percentage of passes was 76.7 against 73.5 of the preceding year.

The Superintendents of Examination at the different centres distributed, as usual, the sum of Rs. 510 as rewards to the Gurus and their pupils on the results of the examination.

154. Night Schools.—At the close of the year there were 20 Night Schools in the State against 25 of the previous year. Of these, 10 were aided and 10 unaided against 11 aided and 14 unaided ones of the previous year.

There were 335 pupils on the rolls of the 20 Night Schools against 368 pupils on the rolls of 25 Night Schools in the preceding year. The average daily attendance was 188 against 218. The decrease in the number of schools brought about corresponding decreases in the number of pupils and in their daily attendance.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 455, of which Rs. 267 was paid by the State and Rs. 188 met from the local sources against Rs. 661, Rs. 298 and Rs. 368 respectively of the year preceding. The expenditure decreased with the decrease of 5 in the number of these schools.

These schools sent up last year 1 candidate to the Upper Primary and 23 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of these, 18 came out successful, 10 in the first division, 7 in the second and one in the third. The percentage of passes was 75 against 89·2 of the preceding year.

Of the Lower Primary Scholarships, 2 have been recommended to be awarded to the successful candidates from the Night Schools against 4 of the preceding year.

155. Girls' Schools.—Last year closed with 7 Girls' Schools against 9 of the preceding year. Of these, 4 were aided and 3 unaided against 5 aided and 4 unaided ones of the previous year. The total number of schools for the exclusive education of girls, including the Sub-divisional Girls' Schools, stood at 11.

On the 31st March last there were 96 pupils on the rolls of the 7 Lower Primary Girls' Schools in the State, of whom 66 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for 9 Girls' Schools in the preceding year were 128 and 80. The total number of girls under instruction, exclusive of those borne on the rolls of the Sunity Academy, was 307 against 320 of the previous year.

The expenditure on the Lower Primary Girls' Schools amounted last year to Rs. 217, of which Rs. 115 was paid from the State and Rs. 102 met from the local sources, against Rs. 254, Rs. 132 and Rs. 122 of the year preceding.

The Girls' Schools sent up last year 20 girls to the several Scholarship Examinations: 2 to the Middle Vernacular, 6 to the Upper Primary and 12 to the Lower Primary and of these, 16 or 80 per cent. passed, 9 in the first division, 6 in the second and 1 in the third. Two girls won Upper Primary Scholarships, in general competition with the boys and three have been recommended for Lower Primary Scholarships.

On the occasion of Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan's auspicious visit to Tufangunj in April last, his wife Rani Nirupama Devi, was pleased to give away the prizes in the Tufangunj Girls' School.

156. Muhammadan Education.—The number of institutions for the special education of the Muhammadans in the State, including the Sudder Madrasa and the Anjumani Islamia, was 8 against 10 of the year preceding. Of these, 6 were aided and 2 unaided against 6 aided and 4 unaided ones of the previous year. These had on the 31st March last 213 pupils on their rolls, of whom 147 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were 264 and 191. The decrease in the number of institutions accounts for the decrease in the number of pupils and their attendance.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 627, of which Rs. 331 was paid by the State and Rs. 296 met from the local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 744, Rs. 388 and Rs. 406. With the decrease of 2 in the number of institutions the expenditure declined by Rs. 117.

In addition to the Muhammadan boys, that receive a sectarian education in these schools, the forms of all other educational institutions were largely attended by Muhammadan children. In a school population of 12,695 souls over 3,600 were Muhammadans. Eleven of the year's Middle and Primary Scholarships were, in general competition, carried away by the Muhammadan

157. *Teachers' Provident Fund.*—On the 31st March last the number of teachers paying contribution to the Provident Fund was 59 and the amount to the credit of the Fund stood at Rs. 34,457. Of this amount, Rs. 8,457 is in the Post Office Savings Bank and Rs. 18,000, invested in Government Promissory Notes. The income of the Fund from interest is over Rs. 900 a year. The State continued to pay its annual contribution of Rs. 500 to the Fund:—

Expenditure incurred in 1918-19.

Head of expenditure.	Pay actually drawn.	Travelling allowance.	Poon and contingencies	Total.			REMARKS.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	As.	P.	
Inspector of Schools ...	1,445	594	.....	2,039	0	0	
Deputy Inspector of Schools ...	840	521	96	1,457	0	0	
Two Sub-Inspectors of Schools...	1,410	450	189	2,049	0	0	
Circle Pundit ...	300	219	24	543	0	0	
Office Establishment ...	552	45	359	956	0	0	
Total ...	4,547	1,829	668	7,044	0	0	
Prizes and Rewards ...	...	...	...	953	0	0	
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	1,194	0	0	
Scholarships ...	...	...	...	1,394	0	0	
Charges incurred by the State for the maintenance of schools	...	...	...	32,848	0	0	
Grand total				43,433	0	0	
Maps ...	...	...	...	68	4	0	
Chairs for State Model Schools	...	...	...	54	0	0	
Wool for Sub-Divisional Girls' Schools	...	...	...	20	0	0	
Repairs to State Model Schools	...	...	...	301	10	3	
State contribution towards the construction of the Mekligunj Boarding Institution Latrine.	...	...	...	150	0	0	
State contribution towards the Equipment of the Tufangunj School Library.	...	...	...	100	0	0	
Contribution to the Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	500	0	0	
Total ...	...	...	...	1,193	14	3	

158. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure on Primary and Secondary Schools in the State amounted during 1918-19 to Rs. 74,827, of which the State paid Rs. 32,848 and contribution from the several local sources came to Rs. 41,979. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 74,391, Rs. 32,630 and Rs. 41,761. The expenditure increased by Rs. 436 in the year under report against Rs. 666 in the previous year.

The charges under "Inspection and Control" amounted last year to Rs. 7,044 against Rs. 6,695 of the year preceding. The increase of Rs. 349 under this head was due to the sanctioned periodical increments to the pay of inspecting staff and the officiating arrangements during the Junior Sub-Inspector's absence on medical leave.

The miscellaneous charges including scholarships and rewards amounted to Rs. 3,541 against Rs. 3,273, shewing an increase of Rs. 268. The sanction of Rs. 150 towards the construction of a latrine for the Mekligunj Boarding Institution and of Rs. 100 for equipment of the Tufangunj School Library mainly brought on this increase.

A summary of all the Sub-heads will shew that the total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education during 1918-19 amounted to Rs. 43,433. This, added to Rs. 1,898 remitted to the Treasury from the fee-collection of the State Model schools, will bring the total up to Rs. 45,241 against Rs. 44,471 of the year preceding. The budget grant for the year under report was Rs. 46,005 and an expenditure of Rs. 122 was sanctioned from the Reserve Fund of the Education Department. Hence the total amount, placed at the disposal of the Department, came to Rs. 46,127. Deducting the total expenditure of Rs. 45,241, there remains a saving of Rs. 886 in the budget allotment for Primary and Secondary Education for 1918-19.

155. Inspection.—The following table shews the work done by the Inspector of Schools and the subordinate inspecting staff during the year under report:

Name of officer.	Designation.	Circle.	No. of schools under inspection.	No. of visits paid.	No. of miles travelled.	Amount of Travelling allowance drawn.
						Rs. A. P.
Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen ...	Inspector of Schools.	Cooch Behar	357	152	3000	594 0 8
" Jnanada Charan Ghosh ...	Deputy Inspector of Schools.	Mekligunj	95	202	2474	521 0 0
Munshi Mahomed Akbar Ali ...	Senior Sub-Inspector of Schools.*	Mathabhanga.	94	151	1383	196 0 0
Babu Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Junior Sub-Inspector of Schools.†	Dinbata	97	160	1697	207 0 0
" Kunja Behari Dey ...	Offg. Do.	Do.	.....	36	438	87 0 0
Umesh Chandra Roy ...	Circle Pandit	Tufangunj	71	237	1816	219 0 0

* Was on privilege leave for one month. † Was on medical leave for four months.

From the foregoing table it will be seen that the Inspector of Schools travelled over 3000 miles and paid 152 visits to schools during the last year. Besides attending to his usual office duties, he made all arrangements in connection with the educational conference and conducted the annual examinations of the Sunity Academy, which is directly under the control of Her Highness the Maharajmata. Though the epidemics prevailed in all parts of the State during the greater portion of the last year, most of the important schools were visited by the Inspector of Schools and the requirements of individual schools were always duly enquired into and promptly brought to my notice.

Babu Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B.A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, Mekligunj, travelled over 2474 miles and paid 202 visits to 95 schools in the Mekligunj Circle. He worked with tact and energy during the trying season of the Influenza epidemic in Mekligunj.

Munshi Muhammad Akbar Ali, B.A., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Mathabhanga, travelled over 1,383 miles and paid 151 visits to 94 schools in the Mathabhanga Circle. His work was not up to the mark and he has been warned to work harder in future.

Babu Aswini Kumar Pal, B.Sc., Junior Sub-Inspector of Schools, travelled over 1697 miles and paid 160 visits to 97 schools under him. He was on medical leave for 4 months, but worked hard at the close of the year.

Babu Umesh Chandra Roy, Circle Pandit, Tufangunj, travelled over 1816 miles and paid 237 visits to 71 schools in his charge. He continued to work satisfactorily.

Babu Kunja Behari Dey, Office-clerk, worked as Officiating Sub-Inspector for 3 months and 16 days during the absence on medical leave of Babu Aswini Kumar Pal, B.Sc., Junior Sub-Inspector of Schools. He paid 36 visits to schools and travelled over 438 miles.

The works of the clerk have greatly increased, of late, owing to educational developments in the State and a single clerk finds it difficult to cope with the usual routine duties. Babu Kunja Behari Dey worked hard and discharged his duties satisfactorily.

II.—VICTORIA COLLEGE.

160. *Number on the roll.*—The average monthly number on the roll was 361 against 341 in the preceding year showing an increase of 59 or 17.3 per cent. The number on the 31st March, 1919, was 349 against 384 on the corresponding date in 1918, shewing a decrease of 35 due to the larger number of transfers and defaulters in the year under report. The highest number of students on the roll reached in August, 1918, was 404 against 407 in 1917.

The average daily attendance was 833 in the year under report as against 835 in the preceding year. This low average figure is, as explained in the previous reports, due to the fact that the second and fourth year classes do not sit for two months (*i.e.* February and March) after the Test Examinations.

161. *Admissions.*—Two hundred and forty-one students were admitted during the year under review against 243 and 248 in the two preceding years, that is in 1916-17 and 1917-18 respectively.

162. *Free students.*—The number of Free students on the 31st March, 1919, was 19 against 44 of the preceding year.

The decrease in the number of Free-students is due to the fact that the number of Free-studentships in the College has been reduced to 15 from the last year (1917-18).

The Free-students were classed as follows:—

Natives	...	...	...	...	...	12
Others	...	...	...	...	...	7
Total						19*

* This includes 4 boarders of the Rajgan Boarding Institution who are, as a rule, entitled to free-studentships in the College.

163. *University Examinations.*—Of the 99, 26 and 65 (excluding the non-collegiate candidates owing to their deficiency of attendance at lectures), students sent up to the I. A., I. Sc. and B. A. Examinations last year (1918), 57, 18 and 28 students came out successful as per statement shewn below:—

	Examination.			
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	
Number sent up	99	26	65	
Number passed in the first division	21	14	1	Eng. Honrs.*
Do. in the second division	23	4	1	" "
Do. in the third division	13*	...	...	" "

* One with First Class Honours in English, one with Second Class Honours in English, one with Distinction and 25 in the Pass Course.

I beg to note that this is the second time in the history of the College that a student secured a First Class in English in the B. A. Examination.

One student in the I. A. Examination stood eighth and another in the I. Sc. Examination stood seventh in order of merit. The latter student also competed in the general list of the combined results of the I. A. and I. Sc. Examinations. It may also be added that a student of this College competed in the general list of the Intermediate Examinations for two successive years, 1917 and 1918.

164. *Residence of students.*—The following Hostels and unattached Messes were licensed by the University for the residence of College students during the year under report:—

- (1) The College Hindu Hostel.
- (2) The Mahomedan Hostel.
- (3) The Santikutir Mess.
- (4) The Indirakutir Mess.
- (5) The Victor Lodge.

165. *Changes (appointment, leave etc.) in the staff.*—Babu Chuni Lal Mukherji, M.A., was appointed Professor of Economics with effect from the 12th July, 1918, vice Babu Krishna Bhaba Babu, M.A., resigned his seat from the 1st June 1918.

166. *Physical training.*—The College students played Cricket, Football, Tennis and Badminton as in previous years. Sports were, as usual, organised and prizes awarded on the occasion of the Founder's Day celebration. Our cricket team won the Elliot Shield in August, 1918.

167. *Discipline.*—Was on the whole satisfactory.

The following comparative Statement will shew in a tabular form the receipts and expenditure:—

<i>Expenditure—</i>	1918-19.			1917-18.		
		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
Establishment	30,264	2 4		29,788	6 8
Contingencies	3,611	0 3 (a)		3,316	4 11
Total	33,875	2 7		33,106	11 9
<i>Receipts—</i>						
State grant	14,405	8 7		16,593	2 8
Receipts from fees and fines	19,469	10 0 (b)		16,513	8 6
Cost of Education per head	93	5 2		101	8 10
State share of the cost per head	39	11 0 (c)		50	11 10

(a) Includes Library and Laboratory charges, sundries, etc.

(b) Excluding Practical Class and Athletic Club contributions from the students which were spent on Chemicals and athletic gear respectively.

(c) It will be seen that the State share of the cost per head has still further come down to Rs. 39-11-0 as against Rs. 50-11-10 in 1917-18.

All the Professors and other members of the College staff did their work satisfactorily in the year under report. Two wings were added to the College extension for providing larger accommodation to the Science Department and to the College Library.

III.—JENKINS SCHOOL.

168. *Numerical strength.*—On the 31st March, 1919, there were 593 pupils on the rolls of the school, including 32 boys sent up for the Matriculation Examination of the current year. This number was 587 last year.

Of the total number, 545 were Hindus, 46 Mahommedans and 2 Roman Catholic Christians.

The total number of Cooch Behari pupils was 145, of which 106 were Hindus and 39 were Mahommedans.

There were also 387 local pupils, and of them 380 were Hindus and 7 Mahommedans.

169. *Attendance.*—The average roll number in this year was 564.3, average attendance 475.73, and percentage of attendance 84.3. In the last session these figures were 525.1, 456.8 and 87, respectively.

170. *University Examination.*—There were 38 boys in the first class on the 1st January, 1918, of which 28 were sent up for the Matriculation Examination. Sixteen boys came out successful—10 being placed in the 1st division, 4 in the 2nd and 2 in the 3rd division. The percentage of success was very low—being 57.14 against 80.9 of the previous year. The selection was rather strict in the year; and so the percentage of success was most unexpected.

There were 5 Cooch Behar pupils in the class, and of these 4 were sent up. All of them passed, 2 in the 1st and 2 in the 2nd division.

171. *Scholarship-holders and Free-students.*—The total number of free-students was 60. Of these 11 were scholars, 2 ex-scholars, 10 Rajgans, 18 Rajgon Boarders, and the other free-students were 21. Of the last number 11, and of the total number 39, were natives of the State. The percentage of native free-students was 65.

172. *Income and expenditure.*—The total income in the year under report was Rs. 10,873-13-8, the total expenditure Rs. 17,475-3-4, the total cost to the State was Rs. 6,601-5-10. The total cost of education per head Rs. 29-7-9, and State share of the last item Rs. 11-2-1. The corresponding figures of the last year were Rs. 10,173-7, Rs. 16,834-9-1, Rs. 6,711-2-1, Rs. 32-3-2 and Rs. 12-12-9, respectively.

173. *Discipline.*—The discipline of the school in the year was satisfactory. The boys were obedient, orderly and respectful.

174. *Teachers' Conference.*—During the year, there were 13 sittings of the Teachers' Conference, and various subjects of practical educational interest were discussed.

175. *Physical Education.*—The total expenditure for Games and Sports was Rs. 980. Physical exercise forms a part of the regular Time Table of all the classes from the lowest to the highest, and while from the 1st to the 6th class, the boys played Foot-ball, Cricket or Hockey according to season; in the lower classes from the 5th to the 9th class, they had also Physical Drill regularly twice every week.

In the year under report there were the Inter-School Hockey and Cricket tournaments for the first time. The Maharajkumar Victor Nityendra Narayan Foot-ball Cup was won by the 1st class and the 3rd class won the Yuvaraj Jagaddipendra Narayan Cricket Cup and the Hammond Hockey Cup. The School and the College, won the Elliot shield of Calcutta by defeating the Sibpur Engineering College at the finals of the tournaments.

176. *Teaching Staff.*—There were some temporary and permanent changes on the teaching staff of the school. Babu Narendra Narayan Sanyal, M.A., the 5th Assistant Teacher, resigned his post with effect from the 1st June, 1918, and Babu Paresh Nath Bhattacharjee, M.A., Vedantaratra, was appointed in his place, with effect from the 12th August, 1918. Babu Karunamoy Biswas, B.Sc., was appointed on the 11th May, 1918 as the 8th Assistant Teacher, but he was dismissed for absence without permission and due notice, with effect from the 1st December, 1918, and Babu Mati Lal Chowdhury, B.Sc., was appointed to fill up the vacancy with effect from the 13th January, 1919. Babu Rakhal Chandra Banik, B.A., the 6th Assistant Teacher, was on privilege leave from the 31st July to 30th August, 1918, and Babu Tarani Kanta Roy, B.A., officiated for him. Babu Ganga Prosad Das, B.A., the Assistant Head Master, who was one of the ablest and best teachers of the School, retired from the State service with effect from the 15th September, 1918, after successfully serving the Institution for over 29 years. The post was filled up by gradual promotion, and Babu Tarani Kanta Roy, B.A., who officiated as the 6th Assistant Teacher, again officiated as the 9th Assistant Teacher up to the 14th November, 1918, Babu Ramani Kanta Roy, B.A., was appointed with effect from the 15th November, 1918, to fill up the post permanently.

On the retirement of Babu Ganga Prosad Das, there was a saving of Rs. 25 a month, and Babu Hem Chandra Chowdhury, who was in the Government School of Arts for six years was added to the staff as the Drawing Master with effect from the 2nd December, 1918.

In conclusion, I beg to state that the Head Master and his Assistants did their work satisfactorily in the year under report.

A comparative statistical statement shewing the development of the Institution from 1908-1909 to 1918-1919 is also annexed herewith.

A comparative statistical statement showing the progress of the school from 1908 to 1912 and from 1913 to 1918 and in 1918-19.

Period	Number of the roll on the State	Average roll number.	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of attendance	Number of Native Students	Number of free students.	Income.			Expenditure			Cost to the State			Cost of educating of the cost a pupil per head.			Number of Teacher on the staff	Number of boys per teacher.	UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.				Number of Native students who passed.	Average percentage of pass.	Total number appearing at the examination in the 3 years.	Passed in 1st Division.	Passed in 2nd Division.	Passed in 3rd Division.	Total.	Number of students appearing at the examination in the 3 years.	Total.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
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IV.—MAHOMEDAN HOSTEL.

177. Number on the roll on the 31st March, 1919, was 14.
 178. Average monthly number on the roll was 13.41.
 179. The discipline of the Institution was on the whole satisfactory.
 180. The health of the boarders was generally good.
 181. The sanitation of the Institution was satisfactory.
 182. Results of the University Examinations, 1918 :—

Examination.	No. sent up.	No. passed.
B. A.	1	1
Intermediate	6	4
Matriculation	4	3

183. Up to the 31st March, 1919, State subsidy amounting to Rs. 180 has been drawn to meet the allowance of the Superintendent.

184. The total collection and expenditure during 1918-19 was respectively Rs. 2,146-1-3 and Rs. 1,996-0-9 having a cash balance of Rs. 150-0-6 on 31st March 1919. Of the total receipt of Rs. 2,146-1-3, the sum of Rs. 180 was drawn from the Treasury as State subsidy and the balance received from the boarders.

V.—THE COLLEGE & THE RAJGON BOARDING INSTITUTIONS.

185. *A. General—Staff.*—There has been no change in its personnel. The salary of Babu Srish Chandra Majumdar, Tutor and Clerk, Rajgon Boarding Institution, has been fixed at Rs. 40 rising to Rs. 50 by an annual increment of Rs. 2 from the 1st March 1919.

186. *Health.*—Excellent all throughout, there having been no serious case of illness in the year under report.

187. *Sanitation.*—Good.

188. *Diet.*—The quality of food was generally satisfactory.

189. *Attendance.*—Attendance of the boarders was regular and satisfactory. Strict and effective measures were taken to ensure regularity in attendance.

190. *Discipline.*—No serious case of breach of discipline was recorded in the year under review. It is gratifying to note that the moral tone of the Institutions was not below the mark.

191. *Physical Culture.*—The boarders were encouraged to take lively interest in the in-door and out-door exercises in the Institutions.

192. *B. College Boarding Institution.*—As usual it received a State subsidy of Rs. 25 a month. On and from 16th November 1918, the monthly Boarding fee has been raised temporarily from Rs. 11 to Rs. 11-8 owing to the phenomenal rise in prices of the articles of food. The admission fee was Rs. 28 as before, and Rs. 1-8 was levied as caution money as a provision against breakage or misuse of furniture provided by the Institution.

193. The average monthly number on the roll was 60.91 as against 56.91 of the previous year and 54.24 of the year before last.

194. Fines amounting to Rs. 4-8 have been realised for misconduct of the boarders.

195. Results of the University Examinations (1918) :—

Examinations.	No. appeared.	No. passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	13	8	One with Distinction
I. A. & I. Sc.	29	21	{ 9 in 1st division. { 9 in 2nd division. { 3 in 3rd division.
Matriculation	1	1	
			One stood eighth in order of merit in the I. A. Examination.
			In the 1st. division.

In this year 2 appeared at the Matriculation Examination.

196. *C. Rajgon Boarding Institution.*—The monthly stipend per capita is Rs. 11-8 including tiffin.

197. The average monthly number on the roll was 20 as against 19.5 of the previous year and 19 of the year before last. The number of new admissions was 4. Names of 4 Boarders were removed from the rolls. There were 5 boys reading in the College, and 15 reading in the Jenkins School in March, 1919.

198. Tuition classes were regularly held and attendance was fair.

199. One boarder appeared in the I. A. Examination and got plucked. In this year two appeared in the Matriculation Examination. Eleven appeared in the Annual Examination, of whom 9 were successful.

200. Athletic instruments worth Rs. 11-8 were purchased.

201. The receipts and expenditure of the year amounted to Rs. 4,508 and Rs. 3,781-8-8, respectively, showing savings of Rs. 726-7-4.

VII—MEDICAL.

202. *Charge.*—Dr. Mohit Lal Sen, the permanent Civil Surgeon, was in charge of the Medical Department in April, and during his absence on combined leave prior to retirement Dr. Dineshananda Chakravarti was in charge of the Department during the remaining period of the year 1918-19.

203. *General health of the State.*—The general health of the State during the year under review was bad due to the prevalence of Malaria and a sudden out-break of Influenza. A comparative statement of Malaria cases treated in the various Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State for three years is given below with a number of Cholera, Small-pox and Influenza cases as recorded by the Police for the years:—

		1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.
Malaria	...	13,309	19,069	20,183
Cholera	...	38	100	1,253
Small-pox	...	2,290	1,454	281
Influenza	...	Nil.	Nil.	1,820

204. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—There was no change in the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State during the year under review.

The total number of patients treated in the several Hospitals and Dispensaries during the year was 49,865 against 49,314 in the previous year and that of in-patients was 1,797 against 1,569 shewing an increase of 51 and 228 respectively. This increase in number of patients being mainly due to the prevalence of Malaria and Influenza. The percentage of deaths during the year was 8.60 against 7.45 in the year previous.

Table R shews the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals; the total number of patients treated in the Rajmata Hospital was 20 against 14 in the year previous, shewing the popularity of the Hospital.

Table S shews the number of Major operations performed in the Sudder Hospital with results, during the year under review. It was 71 against 65 in the previous year. The total number of operations both Minor and Major was 560 against 456 in the previous year.

Table T shews the most prevailing disease treated in the Hospitals and the results obtained in their treatment.

Table U shews the particulars of mortality of the patients treated in the various Hospitals in the State.

Table V shews the number of persons vaccinated and the results obtained during the year. The number of persons vaccinated was 64,856 against 50,584 in the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 94.73 against 80.23.

Table W shews the daily average of population at the Jail and particulars, all about the Hospital. The weekly administration of Quinine to convicts was continued and proved successful in keeping down Malaria. A preventive dose of castor oil was administered to all prisoners during the year under report and proved successful in keeping down bowel complaints.

Table X shews the daily average strengths of the Police and Military and all particulars about the Hospital.

The number of Post-mortem Examinations for medicolegal purposes held during the year under report was 16 against 18 in the previous year.

Table Y shews the expenditure on Hospitals and Dispensaries. The total expenditure was Rs. 27,338 against Rs. 23,279 in the previous year; this does not, however, include the cost of medicines, etc., supplied to them.

Table Z shows the total rain-fall of the year under review and of previous nine years. The total rainfall of the year was 119·19 inches against 117·15 in the previous year. The average of last 10 years was 146·73 inches.

205. *Vital statistics.*—The statement below shows the rates of births and deaths per thousand of the population in the town of Cooch Behar for the last three years :—

Years.	Birth rates.	Death rates.
1916-17	10·51	14·02
1917-18	12·91	12·10
1918-19	10·97	16·05

The increased death rate during the year under report was mainly due to Influenza and Malaria.

206. *General Remarks.*—The Hospitals and Dispensaries were regularly inspected during the year under review and proved to be satisfactory.

The Midwife attached to the Sudder Medical Department attended 128 maternity cases against 99 in the previous year. The increase in number is due to the popularity gained by the public. Besides, services of two Midwives were entertained at Tufangunj and Mekligunj, partly on a State expense and partly by the public. One nurse out of three was appointed for the Sudder Hospital during the year under report.

207. *Sanitation.*—One Epidemic Inspector for the whole State was appointed during the year under report, under head "Sanitation". His duties consisted in stamping out all infectious diseases mainly Cholera, Small-pox and Epidemic Influenza in the State, and specially at Mekligunj Sub-division. The Inspector of Epidemics had to work in co-operation with all the Medical subordinates. One extra Sub-Assistant Surgeon was temporarily appointed for Mathabhanga and Mekligunj Sub-divisions for three months for Epidemic Influenza.

The increase of Malaria as pointed out in column "General health of the State" is partly due to the failure in the method of free distribution and sale of Quinine Sulph to the public and partly due to want of free drainage in the State. The increase of Cholera is essentially due to want of good drinking water.

The total number of prescription in the Sudder Hospital during the year under report was 21,824 against 22,287 in the previous year

The Spleen Rate Register kept in the Sudder Hospital shewed that out of 2,932 children examined, 540 had Spleen or in other words the percentage of Spleen cases was 18·42.

208. *Expenditure.*—The total cost of the Department was Rs. 47,648 against Rs. 51,405 in the previous year. The decrease is due to the absence of the permanent Civil Surgeon on combined leave.

VIII.—LIBRARY.

209. During the year under report Your Highness was graciously pleased to present to the State Library 133 English, 1 Sanskrit and 3 Bengali books and two big almirahs from the Palace. 4 Bengali books were received from Lily Cottage, Calcutta, probably under the order of Her Highness The Dowager Maharani of Cooch Behar, C.I., to complete the works of late Babu Keshub Chandra Sen.

210. Statement A shows that during the year under report 19 English books against 1 and 38 Bengali books against nil of the previous year were purchased.

211. Statement B shows the number of Newspapers and Magazines subscribed during the year. Copies of Cooch Behar Annual Administration Report and Cooch Behar Gazette are received free. Owing to the War the overland papers and Magazines were not received regularly.

212. Daily papers were sent regularly to the Cooch Behar Club after the Library hours.

213. The accommodation of the State Library, which is placed in the side-rooms of the Lansdowne Hall, is not sufficient. There is hardly any available space for placing additional almirahs, which are required for relieving the congestion of books in most of them, without preventing light and air from the Lansdowne Hall which is very frequently used for public meetings, theatrical performances, &c.

214. The present catalogue of books were printed in 1907. Much inconvenience is felt by the reading public for want of a revised one.

215. The Library continued to be well attended.

Statement A.

Languages.	No. of books on 31st March 1918.	No. of books purchased during the year 1918-19.	No. of books presented by His The Maharaja Bhup Bahadur of Cooch Behar K.C.S.I.	No. books received from Lily Cottage, Calcutta.	Total No. of books on 31st March 1919.
1. English ...	8,295	19	183	.....	8,447
2. Bengali ...	1,265	38	3	4	1,310
3. Sanskrit...	162	.....	1	.....	163
4. Urdu and Persian.	111	.....	.....	.....	111
5. Manuscript	118	.....	.....	.....	118
6. French ...	130	... ..	.....	.....	130
Total ...					10,279

Statement B.

Names of Newspapers and Magazines subscribed or received free.			No. of copy.		Remarks.
1. Englishman ...	...	...	1	Daily	Subscribed.
2. Statesman ...	...	...	1	"	"
3. Bengalee ...	...	...	1	"	"
4. East ...	...	...	1	Weekly	"
5. Graphic ...	...	...	1	"	"
6. Illustrated London News	...	...	1	"	"
7. Empress ...	...	...	1	Fortnightly	"
8. Nineteenth Century	...	...	1	Monthly	"
9. Fortnightly Review	...	...	1	"	"
10. Contemporary Review	...	...	1	"	"
11. Review of Reviews	...	...	1	"	"
12. Modern Review ...	...	...	1	"	"
13. Prabashi ...	...	...	1	"	"
14. Bharati ...	...	...	1	"	"
15. Sahitya ...	...	...	1	"	"
16. Bharatbarsa ...	...	...	1	"	"
17. Cooch Behar Annual Administration Report	...	...	1	Yearly	Free.
18. Cooch Behar Gazette	...	...	1	Fortnightly.	"

IX.—STATE PRESS.

216. *Charge.*—Babu Hemendra Kishore Sen Gupta, B.L., was in charge of the State Press throughout the year.

217. *Printing of Stamps.*—Stamps to the value of Rs. 4,12,831 were manufactured by the State Press during the year under report against Rs. 1,96,554 of the previous year shewing an increase of Rs. 2,16,277.

218. *The Cooch Behar Gazette.*—There were 134 paying subscribers against 137 of the previous year and the number of copies for free distribution was 84 against 83 of the previous year.

219. *The Paricharika.*—The monthly magazine of the name was regularly printed from the State Press during the year under report.

220. *General Remarks.*—The work of the Press is increasing in volume as well as in importance. Want of up-to-date accessories to run the Press in an improved style is very keenly felt; and so want of space for better sort of work. But we are compelled to wait patiently for a falling down of the prices of materials.

The financial position of the Press cannot be appreciated unless a payment system from all Departments is introduced. This system, if introduced, will exert a controlling influence both outward and inward.

I have the honour to be,
 YOUR HIGHNESS'
 Most obedient servant,
 J. A. MILLIGAN,
Vice-President, State Council,
General Department, Cooch Behar.

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PART I.—Return of cases.

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Statement A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1918-1919.

PART I.—Return of cases.

Serial Number.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.	Number pending from previous year		Number reported in the year	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation.	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mistakes of law or fact or declared not-cognizable.	Number pending at end of year.	True cases.						Total Magistrate's true cases.	Total Magistrate's cases convicted.	Grand total of true cases (columns 14+15)
			4	5							6	7	8	9	10	11				12	13	14	15
2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property or against property only (Contd.)																			
28	428, 429	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal.			3		8	1		1	1		2	4	1	6			
29	448 to 482, 484, 485, 487 to 489	House-trespass with a view to commit an offence or having made preparation for hurt.	16*	881	74	322	4	2	16	30	10	200	374	6	2	380	* 1 case of Serial No. 38 transferred to this Serial		
30	311, 400, 401.....	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers and thieves.															1 case of 1916-17 directed this year & 1 case of 1917-18 tried this year.		
	Total.....		16	405	74	347	7	4	23	32	13	268	387	13	4	400			
CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person																			
31	341 to 344	Wrongful restraint and confinement		3		3	1		1			1	1	14	1	16			
32	386, 387	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life.																	
33	374	Compulsory labour.....																	
	Total.....			3		3	1		1			1	1	14	1	16			
CLASS V.—Minor offences against property																			
34	379 to 382	Theft { of cattle ordinary	1	11		12			3	4		5	9	5		14	* 1 case transferred to Serial No. 38		
35	406 to 409	Criminal breach of trust ..	3*	178	15	166	3	13	13	67	7	73	162	45	12	197	* 1 case transferred from Serial No. 31		
36	411, 414	Receiving stolen property ..	2*	10		12			2	2		2	4	7	4	11	(a) 8 cases of the previous year detected this year and 1 case transferred to Serial No. 29		
37	419, 430	Cheating																	
38	447, 448, and 463 and 466	Criminal or house-trespass and lurking house-trespass or house-breaking	(a)3	24		(b) 27	2	1	1	13	1	7	21	81	11	102			
39	461, 462	Breaking closed receptacle ..		1	1								1			1	(b) 2 case compromised.		
	Total		10	229	15	223	5	14	21	84	9	88	197	140	28	337			
CLASS VI.—Other offences not specified above.																			
40	295 to 297.....	Offences against religion																	
41	Chapter VII, C.E. C. and Act XX. of 1874.	Vagrancy and bad character	3	17		20	1		4	13	2		15			18			
42		—Offences against Gambling Act		2		2			1	1			1			1			
43		—Excise Laws		1		1				1			1			1			
44		—Railway Laws		6		6		1	1	4			4			4			
45		—Cooch Behar Fishery Act		2		2			2				2	18	2	20			
46		—Cooch Behar Forest Act		4		4			1	2	1		8			8			
47		—Stamp Act																	
48		—Arms Act	1	10		11		1		10			10			10			
49	269, 277, 279, 280, 282, 285, 288, 289, 291 to 294, & Section 31 of Act III of 1899, and nuisances under Municipal local laws	Public nuisances		3		3			2	1			2	1		4			
50			1	154		155			4	148	3		151	4	3	158			
51	Other special and local laws declared cognizable			13		12				13			13			13			
	Total		5	211		216	1	2	11	195	7		202	23	6	225	* 3 cases compromised.		
	GRAND TOTAL ..		36	917	90	868*	20	28	70	383	29	370	832	249	60	1081			

* 1 case of Serial No. 35 transferred to this Serial 1 case of 1916-17 deleted this year & 1 case of 1917-18 tried this year.

* 1 case transferred to Serial No. 36
* 1 case transferred from Serial No. 31
(a) 8 cases of the previous year detected this year and 1 case transferred to Serial No. 29
(b) 2 case compromised.

* 3 cases compromised.

PART II.—Return of Persons concerned in cases.

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PART I.—Return of Non-cognisable cases.

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RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1918-1919.

PART II.—*Return of Persons concerned in Non-cognizable cases.*

LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.	Persons appearing who process issued.										Persons under trial at close of the year.		REMARKS.		
		Persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of year namely under trial or against whom process had issued.	On complaint.	On Magistrate's own motion, or information from the police.	Persons arrested because abandoned or evaded the law during the year; and persons against whom processes were outstanding at end of the year.	Persons who appeared before the Courts.	Persons discharged after appearance without trial.	A acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Percentage of number convicted to those brought against whom process issued (columns 9 & 8).	Persons under trial at close of the year.	Number concerned in cases abandoned, compounded, or withdrawn and number of persons escaped or became insane during trial.	Number of those in column 11 convicted of cognisable offence.	Persons who died, escaped or were transferred before appearance.		
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14(a)	14(b)	14(c)		
116	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
117	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS I.—Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, &c. &c.																
121 to 180, 505	Offences against the State	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
137	Harbouring deserters by master of ship	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
172 to 190, 201	Offences against public justice	3	4	67	5	5R	9	49	7	...	...	...	...	...
204, 213 to 215 and 228A, 227 to 229,	Offences by public servants	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
161 to 169, 217 to 228,	False evidence, false complaints and claims, and fraudulent deeds and disposition of property	3	9	12	3	22	9	4	9	...	...	...	...	...
193 to 200, 205 to 211, 421 to 424.	Forgery or fraudulently using forged documents	1	2	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
465 to 471A	Offences relating to weights and measures	...	...	4	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
364 to 367	Making or using false trade-marks	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
462 to 489	Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray	...	2	1	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
149, 153A to 155, 160		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		6	17	76	7	92	24	53	16	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person.																
312 to 316	Causing miscarriage	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
370	Buying or disposing of slaves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
376	Rape by the husband	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS III.—Serious offences against the property.																
384 to 389	Extortion	...	11	...	...	11	...	10	...	...	...	1	...	...
CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person.																
345	Wrongful confinement	...	2	200	...	26	146	18	22	18	...	98	...	...
352, 358, 368	Criminal force	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
334	Hurt on grave or sudden provocation	...	161	...	...	178	8	20	15	...	...	85	...	...
423	Voluntarily causing hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		2	361	...	...	89	274	21	42	38	183	...	...	...
CLASS V.—Minor offences against property.																
417, 418	Cheating	1	13	...	...	14	...	10	...	4	...	...	...	...
403, to 408	Criminal misappropriation of property	5	27	...	...	30	...	21	...	1	...	...	...	...
426, 427, 434	Mischief (simple)	6	220	...	...	184	...	34	40	21	...	89	...	...
Total		16	260	...	...	38	228	65	48	26	...	99	...	...
CLASS VI.—(Other offences not specified above.																
298	Offences against religion	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
490 to 499	Criminal breach of contract of service	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
493 to 498	Offences relating to marriage	10	40	...	20	70	16	0	12	45	...	...	...	...
500 to 502	Defamation	...	19	...	...	19	8	1	2	8	...	...	...	...
504, 506 to 510	Intimidation and insult	...	29	...	2	26	5	4	6	11	...	...	...	...
271 to 276, 278, 284, 287, 288, 290,	Public and local nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
294	Keeping a lottery office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences under Chap. VIII (a) C.P.C.	Security for keeping the peace on conviction	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...
Offences under Chapter X.O.P.C.	Public nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cases under Chapter XII, C.P.C.	Disputes as to immovable property	20	78	...	7	91	28	9	33	17	...	14	...	...
Cases under Chapter XXXVI, O.F.C.	Maintenance of wives and children	...	7	...	2	5	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total		31	228	...	33	223	29	38	88	88	...	89	...	...
Special Laws, offences under which are not cognizable by the Police.																
Regulation VI of 1819	Ferries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act I (B.C.) of 1866		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	Railway Act	...	...	...	10	...	2	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Abkaree Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Merchant Shipping Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Breach of contract	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Arms Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Police Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Jails Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Contonment Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Salt Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Vaccination Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Pledgers and Muktears Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Hackney Carriage Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Post office Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Stamp Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Court-fee Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Cooch Behar (Attle Trespass Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Emigration Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Census Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Contempt of Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Registration of Births and Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Cooch Behar Municipal Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Native Passengers' Ships Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Dramatic Performances Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Forest Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Cooch Behar Drainage Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	Chowkidary Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
Total		...	78	85	23	144	...	16	99	...	1	26	...	...

STATEMENT C.

Property stolen and recovered 1918-19.

OFFENCE.	Number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentage of cases in which property was recovered to cases in which property was stolen.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Amount of property recovered.	Percentage of value of property recovered to value of property stolen.
A.—COGNIZABLE.							
1.—Theft	350	95	27.14	28,785 10 0	1,579 15 9	54.88	
2.—Robbery	7	1	14.28	1,599 0 6	63 7 0	39.39	
3. Criminal breach of trust	1	1	100	837 11 6	146 14 6	49.49	
B.—NON-COGNIZABLE.							
Extortion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Criminal misappropriation	109	28	25.68	681 5 0	288 0 0	42.28	

The 16th May, 1919.

S. GHOSH,
Fouzdary Ahikar of Cooch Bihar.

D.—Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cooch Behar Jail for the year 1918-19.

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Yearly average of the daily total No. of prisoners sick and well.	Daily average of the foregoing.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.			No. admitted during the year.			No. received from other Districts.			No. received from the Lock-ups.			Total No. in Jail.			Trial, to Lunatic Asylum or to other Jail, or to Port Blair including those in transit.			Released.			Kept.			Died.			Executed.			Total No. of columns 8 to 12.			No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Jail on the last day of the year.			In Jail. Hospital.			Number convicted during the year out of total admitted as per columns 4, 5 and 6.			Out of number in col. 4, 5 and 6.			Out of number in col. 3.			Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.			No. the Jail is capable of containing at 88 cubic ft. per prisoner.			No. above capacity with reference to col. 2.			No. below capacity with reference to col. 1.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
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E.—Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Sub-divisional Lock-ups for the year 1918-19.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners sick and well.	Daily average of the foregoing.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.			No. admitted during the year.			No. received from other Districts.			No. received from the Jail.			No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Lock-up on the last day of the year.			No. below capacity with reference to column 2.
		M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	
2108	4.73	07	15	...	169	3	191	3	63	1	100	2	...	173	3	8	6.30
2075	5.51	09	...	...	184	1	184	1	63	1	115	...	...	180	1	4	16.47
2366	5.90	01	3	...	137	1	139	1	54	...	72	1	...	136	1	3	9.90
487	1.36	6	...	...	64	...	70	19	...	50	...	...	...	66	...	2	6.54
Total	23.72	17	20	...	544	6	564	6	208	2	340	3	...	547	5	17	43.71

S. GHOSH,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

F.—Statement showing the outturn of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1918-19.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
VALUE OF ARTICLES SOLD DURING THE YEAR.													
YEAR.	Number of working days in the year.	TOTAL NO. OF PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURES.		Value of articles sold to other departments or for jail use for which cash payment into the Treasury was made.	Value of articles supplied for other than the manufacture department for which no cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied to other jails, for which no cash payment was received.	Total value of articles disposed of as per cols. 4, 5, 6 and 7.	Value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1919.	Value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1919.	Value of plant, machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1919.	Total of columns 8, 9, 10 and 11.		
		In the garden.	On all other manufactures.									TOTAL.	
1918-19	309	2080	9454	11734	Rs. As. P. 6,527 8 6	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P. 21,083 12 0	Rs. As. P. 1,827 4 0	Rs. As. P. 3,907 9 6	Rs. As. P. 1,318 9 0	Rs. As. P. 32,091 12 6		
19	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deduct value of manufactured articles on the 31st March 1918.	Deduct value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1918.	Deduct value of plant, machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1918.	Deduct charges incurred for raw materials &c. in 1918-1919.	Total debits, as per cols. 14, 15 and 16.	Deduct amount retained, 17 and 18, being net debits.	Profit, being the excess of total of col. 12 over total of col. 19.	Loss, being the excess of total of col. 19 over total of col. 12.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for hire of prisoners employed during the year, amount paid out to private parties.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for value of last year's work, amount paid out to private parties.	Total of cash realized and remitted to the Treasury during the year, 1918-1919.	Total out-standings a/c to the Treasury during the year, 1918-1919.	Cash realized and remitted to the Treasury during the year, 1918-1919.	Total out-standings a/c to the Treasury during the year, 1918-1919.
Rs. As. P. 760 0 8	Rs. As. P. 7,290 14 6	Rs. As. P. 2,775 7 6	Rs. As. P. 110,242 7 3	Rs. As. P. 26,881 1 3	Rs. As. P. 26,881 1 3	Rs. As. P. 5,310 11 2	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P. 842 12 0	Rs. As. P. 636 8 0	Rs. As. P. 5,409 15 3	Rs. As. P. 21,186 6 3	Rs. As. P. 2,738 2 0	Rs. As. P. 2,738 2 0

* (1) Sale proceeds of manufactured articles paid into Treasury .. Rs. A. P. 22,168 6 3
 (2) Hire of convicts 1,020 0 0
 (3) Miscellaneous receipts
 Total .. 23,188 6 3
 ^ Rs. 5,802-2-9 was due by the Jail on 31st March 1919 for price of raw materials purchased during the year.

S. GHOSH,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

H.—Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1918-1919.

EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF											
Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Feeding, including lunas at Berhampur & life convicts at Port Blair	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total	Deduct profit of manufacture credited <i>vide</i> column 12 Statement G.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
6 8 0	9,194 5 7	6,317 4 3	3,372 11 8	14,890 13 6	6,409 15 3	8,480 14 3	0 0 10	43 3 8	52 9 4	28 1 2	123 15 2

S. GHOSH,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

I.—Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1918-19.

1	2	3
Jail offences.	Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Relating to work ... 91	Loss of marks ... 9	9
Having forbidden articles in possession... 54	Corporal punishment ... 12	12
Assault, &c. ... 5	Degraded from Warder's post .. 7	7
Other breaches of Jail rules .. 53	Putting on heavy irons ... ..	.....
Offences relating to escape	Wearing gunny suits ... 4	4
	Putting in solitary cells ... 1	1
	Judicially punished ... ..	.....
	Warned 108	108
	Standing Hand-cuff ... 6	6
	Cross Bar fetters ... 3	3
	Hard Labour ... 20	20
	Bar fetters ... 1	1
	Night Hand-cuff ... ..	.....
	Penal diet ... 32	32
Total ... 208	Total ...	208

S. GHOSH,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

J.—Statement showing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1918-1919.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		On account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manu- facturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.					
	2389	432 0 0	1,819 15 3	2,251 15 3	...	196 4 0	196 4 0	2,055 11 3	31 1 7	92 11 2	113 3 10	

S. GHOSH,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

**K.—Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept.,
Cooch Behar State, for the year 1918-1919.**

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-1918.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919	
	AMOUNT	TOTAL.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings ...	30,640	.....	8,780	.....
Forest	1,762	.....	1,012	.....
Total Original Works	.....	32,402	.....	9,801
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings ...	18,985	.....	19,361	.....
Military „ ...	545	.....	443	.....
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	1,104	.....	409	.....
Total Repairs ...	.....	20,634	.....	20,213
TOOLS AND PLANTS ...	1,249	1,249	1,180	1,180
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Public Works Department.	24,115	.....	22,946	.....
Dak-Bungalow ...	1,490	.....	1,320	.....
Artizans' School ...	4,206	.....	.....	.....
Conservancy ...	700	.....	.....	.....
Lansdowne Hall ...	762	.....	773	.....
Total Establishment ..	.....	31,282	.....	25,039
Maintaining State carts	522	522	.....	.....
Profit and Loss ...	1,260	1,260	.....	.....
Total expenditure P. W. D. Ordinary.	.....	87,349	.....	56,233
Net Debits to suspense heads.	.....	—1,920	.....	454
Net expenditure P. W. D. Ordinary.	.....	85,429	.....	56,687
Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	6,432	.....	8,067
GRAND TOTAL ..	.....	91,861	.....	64,754

Receipts.

P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts	8,550	.....	8,802
Total Receipts	8,550	.....	8,802

N. N. Roy,
State Engineer, P. W. Dept.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1918-1919.

Item No	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-1918.	Expenditure for 1918-1919		
			Original.	Petty works.	Total
	Original Works.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
	<i>Civil Buildings.</i>				
1	Changing Posts and fitting rails to Pilkhana ...	371	.....	.....	.....
2	Mahoot's shed at Mekligunj ...	102	.....	.....	.....
3	Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness ...	6,468	622	.....	622
4	Grain Godown in Sudder Jail ...	1,140	.....	.....	.....
5	Manufacture of Tiles ...	725	.....	.....	.....
6	Constructing kitchen and servants' quarters for Vice-President's house at Nilkuty.	2,514	.....	.....	.....
7	Engine house at Nilkuty ...	3,314	.....	.....	.....
8	Mathabhangra Overseer's quarters ...	931	.....	.....	.....
9	Purchase of late Syam Babu's house ...	3,200	.....	.....	.....
10	Constructing a stable attached to Harendra Babu's house.	394	.....	.....	.....
11	Postmortem shed at Mathabhangra ...	480	.....	.....	.....
12	Purchase of Harendra Babu's house ...	5,000	.....	.....	.....
13	Reception charge of Prince of Baroda ..	149	.....	.....	.....
14	Well and Latrine in Kumar Goyendra Narayan's house.	315	.....	.....	.....
15	Two thatched Bungalows with pucca plinth in Takomari Shooting Camp.	2,518	.....	.....	.....
16	Providing planked ceiling in the eye of corrugated iron roof in Vice President's Bungalow.	200	.....	.....	.....
17	Improvement of Artisan School ...	397	.....	.....	.....
18	Converting the northern verandah of Dewan's office into rooms.	382	.....	.....	.....
19	Laying foundation stone of Ronaldshay Ward ...	671	.....	.....	.....
20	Compensation for acquiring the block south of Sudder Dispensary.	1,050	.....	.....	.....
21	Changing beams in Sudder Dispensary ...	248	558	.....	558
22	Making a thatched shed for Lady teacher's sitting room in Sunity Academy.	46	.....	.....	.....
23	A two-seated Latrine and urinal in the Sunity Academy.	.....	505	.....	505
24	Additions to and alterations in the Veterinary Surgeon's quarters.	.....	985	.....	985
25	Constructing a pucca drain west of Carmichael Ward.	.....	677	.....	677
	Carried over Original Works—Civil Buildings ...	80,640	2,747	.....	2,747

Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1918-1919.—(Contd.)

NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-1918.	Expenditure for 1918-1919.		
		Annual	Petty works.	Total.
Brought forward Original Works ...	Rs. 30,640	Rs. 2,747	Rs.	Rs. 2,747
Enclosing the verandah of the Sub-divisional building at Mekligunj. ....	.....	180	.....	180
Fencing round the P. W. D. Godown ...	.....	85	.....	85
Grain Godown in Pilkhana ...	.....	1,115	.....	1,115
Half-terracing the roof of the Vice-President's office building. ....	.....	654	.....	654
Improvement of Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Dinhat ...	.....	1,161	.....	1,161
Providing wooden ceiling to some rooms of the State house purchased from Harendra Babu. ....	.....	170	.....	170
Reconstruction of the Lock-up at Tufangunj ...	.....	872	.....	872
Removing and reconstructing the Inspection Bungalow at Tufangunj ...	.....	382	.....	382
Removing and reconstructing Sub-overseer's quarters at Tufangunj. ....	.....	456	.....	456
Temporary Lock up at Tufangunj ...	.....	65	.....	65
Two additional rooms in the Dispensary building at Haldibari. ....	.....	223	.....	223
Laying foundation stone of Chelmsford Ward ...	.....	582	.....	582
Constructing a thatched shed at Subadar Major's quarters. ....	.....	.....	42	42
Providing a pair of glazed window at Haldibari Dispensary. ....	.....	.....	19	19
Pucca Plinth and corrugated iron sheet floor of Latrine attached to Dinhat Dispensary. ....	.....	.....	28	28
Providing racks in Haldibari Dispensary ...	.....	.....	13	13
Total ...	30,640	8,692	97	8,789
Forest.				
Forest in general ...	710	474	.....	474
Planting and protecting trees ...	1,022	588	.....	588
Total Forest ...	1,762	1,012	.....	1,012
Total Original Works ...	32,402	9,704	97	9,801
Repairs.—Civil Buildings.				
Anandamoyee Dharamsala ...	254	170	.....	170
Staff Bungalow ...	210	165	.....	165
Bandsmen's Quarters ...	375	1,053	.....	1,053
Boarding Institution with out-houses & Assistant Tutor's Quarters.	428	287	.....	287
Brahmo Somaj Building ...	247	377	91	468
Cemetery ...	71	21	.....	21
Dewan's house ...	700	697	.....	697
Vice-President's house ...	816	611	.....	611
Council Office with East and West wings ...	817	314	471	785
Dak Bungalows, Sudder ...	197	512	.....	512
Dak Bungalows in Mofussil ...	850	396	.....	396
Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan's house ...	501	718	.....	718
Dispensary, Sudder ...	532	397	91	488
Dispensaries in Mofussil ...	631	627	.....	627
Laundowne Hall ...	413	487	.....	487
State Kabiraje's quarters and late Joy Babu's house ...	189	247	157	404
Dewan's office with Treasury &c. ...	343	.....	196	196
Pilkhana with out-houses ...	764	954	.....	954
Public Works Godown (new) ...	.....	730	36	766
Public Works office with out house &c. ...	325	148	97	245
Quarters for the Civil Surgeon ...	170	155	35	190
Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness ...	299	209	.....	209
Carried over Total Repairs Civil Buildings ...	9,091	9,275	1,174	10,449
Carried over Original Works ...	32,402	9,704	97	9,801

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1918-1919.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-1918.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919.		
			Annual.	Petty works.	Total.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	82,402	9,704	97	9,801
	Brought forward Repairs—Civil Buildings...	9,091	9,275	1,174	10,449
66	Repairs to Jr. Assistant Surgeon's quarters ...	1,212	.....	20	20
67	Repairs to Furniture of Vice-President, and guest house at Nilkuty.	1,245	598	.....	598
68	Repairs to Sudder Jail ...	331	667	.....	667
69	School buildings at Dinbata and Mathabhangra &c.	673	478	.....	478
70	State Bungalow East of Bairagi Dighi ...	186	.....	.....	.....
71	Sub-divisional Buildings ...	307	408	.....	408
72	Sub-divisional Lock-ups ...	163	209	.....	209
73	Superintendent of Pilkhana's Bungalow ...	177	224	.....	224
74	Tehsil office, chain railing at Haldibari ...	67	.....	.....	.....
75	Temples in Town ...	764	608	.....	608
76	Temples in Mofussil ...	717	573	.....	573
77	Victoria College and Jenkins School ...	491	462	.....	462
78	Repairs to Kumar Gojendra Narayan's house ...	157	221	.....	221
79	Repairs to Harendra Baln's house ...	156	152	.....	152
80	Quarters for Sub-divisional Officers ...	672	.....	569	569
81	Stables at Nilkuty ...	80	.....	.....	.....
82	Guest house at Nilkuty ...	735	652	110	762
83	Office of the General Department ...	229	125	45	170
84	Sudder Police Station ...	10	.....	148	148
85	Fouzdari office Building ...	270	.....	313	313
86	Provision Godown at Nilkuty ...	43	.....	55	55
87	Railway Police Quarters and Thana ...	67	.....	109	109
88	Mahoots' shed in the Sub-divisions ...	35	.....	27	27
89	Sunity College ...	221	.....	135	135
90	Veterinary Hospital ...	113	171	.....	171
91	Tan Godown at Nilkuty ...	31	.....	28	28
92	Sudder Model School ...	148	.....	95	95
93	Joy Gopal Babu's house ...	131	.....	96	96
94	Duar office and Malcutchery ...	92	.....	71	71
95	Boarding Supervisor's quarters ...	150	.....	53	53
96	Mahomedan Boarding ...	64	.....	56	56
97	Victoria Lodge Mess ...	31	452	71	523
98	Haldibari Tehsildar's quarters ...	33	.....	103	105
99	School Boarding at Tufangunj ...	4	.....	.....	.....
100	Conveying and Handling Stock, Tools and Plant from Nilkuty Godown to Artisan School.	89	.....	27	27
101	Tent godown at Nilkuty and Sub-overser's office	.....	237	52	289
102	Artisan School ...	.....	.....	119	119
103	Repairing Nurse's quarters ...	.....	.....	103	103
104	„ Shooting Camp Bungalow at Takoamari	.....	.....	176	176
105	„ Furniture godown at Nilkuty ...	.....	.....	42	42
	Total Repairs Civil Buildings ...	18,985	15,512	3,849	19,361
	<i>Military.</i>				
106	Barracks, Stables and Magazine ...	545	443	.....	443
	<i>Miscellaneous Public Improvement.</i>				
107	Repairs to Tube wells ...	13	.....	.....	.....
108	Tanks and Wells in Mofussil ...	500	397	.....	397
109	Tube wells ...	475	.....	.....	.....
110	Up-keep of Polo and Cricket ground at Nilkuty...	116	12	.....	12
	Total Miscellaneous Public Improvement ...	1,104	409	.....	409
	Carried over Repairs ...	20,634	16,364	3,849	20,213
	Do. Original Works ...	32,402	9,704	97	9,801

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1918-1919.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-18.	Expenditure for 1918-19.		
			Original.	Petty works.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	82,402	9,704	97	9,801
	Do. Total Repairs ...	20,684	16,864	3,849	20,213
	<i>Tools and Plants.</i>				
11	Purchase and manufacture of Tools ...	618	902	.....	902
12	Repairing Tools including Steam Roller ...	680	278	.....	278
	Total Tools and Plant ...	1,249	1,180	.....	1,180
	<i>Establishment.—P. W. Dept.</i>				
13	Engineer ...	5,750	7,500	.....	7,500
14	Upper Subordinates ...	3,612	2,040	.....	2,040
15	Lower ditto ...	1,656	2,395	.....	2,395
16	Petty ...	1,327	518	.....	518
17	Office ...	5,758	5,544	.....	5,544
18	Cooch Behar Agency ...	286	.....	.....	.....
19	Travelling allowance ...	2,902	8,039	.....	8,039
20	Contingencies ...	2,263	1,910	.....	1,910
21	Inspection charges ...	561	.....	.....	.....
	Total Establishment P.W.D. ...	24,115	22,946	.....	22,946
	<i>Dāk-Bungalows.</i>				
22	Salary ...	972	1,008	.....	1,008
23	Contingencies ...	527	312	.....	312
	Total Dāk-Bungalow ...	1,499	1,320	.....	1,320
	<i>Artisans School.</i>				
24	Salary ...	4,206	.....	.....	.....
	<i>Conservancy.</i>				
25	Salary ...	700	.....	.....	.....
26	Contingencies ...	700	.....	.....	.....
	Total Conservancy ...	700	.....	.....	.....
	<i>Lausdowne Hall</i>				
27	Salary ...	192	192	.....	192
28	Contingencies ...	570	581	.....	581
	Total Lausdowne Hall ...	762	773	.....	773
	<i>State Ticca Carts</i>				
29	Maintaining State Carts ...	522	.....	.....	.....
	<i>Profit and Loss</i>				
30	Profit and Loss ...	1,260	.....	.....	.....
	Total P. W. D. Ordinary ...	87,849	52,287	3,946	56,233
	<i>Add debits to Suspense heads</i>				
	Stock purchase ...	1,005	.....	.....	.....
	Stock sales ...	6,915	4,423	.....	4,423
	Stock ...	10,767	10,471	.....	10,471
	Miscellaneous Advance ...	620	1,960	.....	1,960
	Total debits ...	19,307	16,854	.....	16,854
	Carried over Debits ...	19,307	16,854	.....	16,854
	Do. Total P. W. D. Ordinary ...	87,849	52,287	3,946	56,233

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1918-19.—(Conld.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-18.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919.		
			Annual.	Petty works.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Total P. W. D. Ordinary ...	87,349	52,287	3,946	56,233
	Do. do. Debits ...	19,307	16,854	.....	16,854
	<i>Deduct credits to Suspense heads.</i>				
	Stock purchase	1,005	.....	.....	.....
	Stock sales	7,521	4,208	.....	4,208
	Stock	11,842	10,471	.....	10,471
	Miscellaneous Advance	859	1,721	.....	1,721
	Total credits ...	21,227	16,400	.....	16,400
	Net debits to Suspense heads ...	-1,920	454	.....	454
	Net Expenditure P. W. D. Ordinary ...	85,429	52,741	3,946	56,687
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury ...	6,432	.....	.....	8,067
	Grand total P. W. D. Ordinary ...	91,861	.....	.....	64,754
	<i>Details of Receipts.</i>				
	P. W. D. Miscellaneous receipts	5,664	.....	7,007	.....
	Receipts from State carts	733	.....	.....	.....
	Sale of Timbers and Forest ordinary ...	2,148	.....	1,795	.....
	Total P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts ...	8,540	.....	.....	8,802

N. N. Roy,
State Engineer, P. W. D.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

L.—Abstract of expenditure of the Palace Public Works for 1918-19.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	Expenditure for 1917-18.			Expenditure for 1918-19.		
	Amount		Total,	Amount.		Total.
PALACE.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Cooch Behar.						
Original Works	18,049	0 0		29,538	0 0	
Repairs	1,0772	0 0		18,358	0 0	
Establishment	528	0 0		360	0 0	
Total			29,349 0 0	—	—	43,256 0 0
Woodlands.						
Original Works ... ..	.....			12,871	0 0	
Repairs	4,582	0 0		10,148	0 0	
Miscellaneous	7,990	0 0		11,513	0 0	
Establishment	1,364	0 0		1,475	0 0	
Total			18,936 0 0			36,007 0 0
Colinton & Prospect House.						
Original Works ... ..	.....			.....
Repairs	1,789	0 0		1,818	0 0	
Miscellaneous	1,572	0 0		1,534	0 0	
Establishment	2,647	0 0		2,906	0 0	
Total			6,008 0 0			6,268 0 0
Total Palace			49,293 0 0			85,521 0 0
Un-expended balance remitted to the Treasury ... ..	.....		6,668 0 0	.....		7,729 0 0
Grand total ... ..	.....		55,961 0 0	.....		93,250 0 0

N. N. Roy,

State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of expenditure for the year 1918-19.

Item No	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-18.	Expenditure for 1918-19.			
			Annual.	Petty.	Total.	
	PALACE.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
	Cooch Behar.					
	<i>Original Works.</i>					
1	Game Reserve Forest ..	181 0 0	.....	.....	.....
2	Ground and Garden ...	8,922 0 0	7,830 0 0	.....	7,830 0 0	
3	Dynamo House in the Palace compound.	818 0 0	.....	.....	.....
4	Purchase of and repairs to Furniture, Palace.	2,878 0 0	16,000 0 0	.....	16,000 0 0	
5	C. I. shed for oil Engine ...	478 0 0	.....	.....	.....
6	Oil Engine for the supply of water to the Palace.	2,500 0 0	.....	.....	.....
7	Converting the old engine shed into Household Godown.	416 0 0	.....	.....	.....
8	Constructing an additional Engine shed near the Dynamo House.	1,348 0 0	.....	.....	.....
9	Slanting steps for Coach House ...	308 0 0	.....	.....	.....
10	Venitian doors in Palace North wing.	189 0 0	.....	.....	.....
11	Making two Temporary Latrines in the Tin Bungalow compound.	11 0 0	.....	.....	.....
12	Constructing a guard room for the Samadhi.	.....	280 0 0	.....	244 0 0	
13	Constructing a thatched shed over the Samadhi of His late Highness Raj Rajendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur.	.....	272 0 0	.....	308 0 0	
14	Half-terracing the Palace roof ...	.....	5,656 0 0	.....	5,656 0 0	
	Total Original Works ...	18,049 0 0	29,538 0 0	.....	29,538 0 0	
	<i>Repairs.</i>					
15	Improvement of Palace ground ...	1,148 0 0	1,113 0 0	.....	1,113 0 0	
16	Out-houses of Palace (Pucca and Kutcha).	1,828 0 0	2,093 0 0	.....	2,093 0 0	
17	Palace Repairs ...	5,314 0 0	7,350 0 0	.....	7,350 0 0	
18	Repairs to Rajander including Rajmata's house.	1,880 0 0	2,347 0 0	.....	2,347 0 0	
19	Stable and coach house ...	369 0 0	.....	.....	.....
20	Repairs to Dynamo House with out houses.	160 0 0	291 0 0	.....	291 0 0	
21	Strong room in Palace ...	46 0 0	.....	.....	.....
22	Making a temporary shed over the Engine near the Pump House	27 0 0	.....	.....	.....
23	Repairing Mr. Oakley's Bungalow	.....	.....	164 0 0	164 0 0	
	Carried over Total Repairs ...	10,772 0 0	13,194 0 0	164 0 0	13,358 0 0	
	Ditto Original Works ...	18,049 0 0	29,538 0 0	.....	29,538 0 0	

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1918-19.—(Continued.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-18.		Expenditure for 1918-19.					
				Amount.		Petty.		Total.	
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
	Brought over total Original works...	18,049	0 0	29,538	0 0	.....		29,538	0 0
	Brought over total Repairs ...	10,772	0 0	13,194	0 0	164	0 0	13,358	0 0
	<i>Establishment.</i>								
24	Pay of Forest Ranger ...	176	0 0	.....		.....		.....
25	Pay of Sub-Overseer ...	880	0 0	860	0 0	.....		860	0 0
26	Travelling allowance of Forest Ranger.	22	0 0	.....		.....		.....
	Total establishment ...	528	0 0	360	0 0	.....		360	0 0
	Total Palace, Cooch Behar ...	29,349	0 0	43,092	0 0	164	0 0	43,256	0 0
	Woodlands.								
	<i>Original Works.</i>								
27	Additions to and alterations in the Household office room.	.....		850	0 0	.....		850	0 0
28	Certain Improvement to the main building and out-house.	.....		8,768	0 0	.....		8,768	0 0
29	Marbling the Dining room and papering the drawing room.	.....		3,253	0 0	.....		3,253	0 0
	Total Original Works ...	.....		12,871	0 0	.....		12,871	0 0
	<i>Repairs</i>								
30	Repairs to Houses and Up-keep of Roads.	4,868	0 0	10,148	0 0	.....		10,148	0 0
31	Extension of filtered water pipes at Woodlands.	121	0 0	.....		.....		.....
32	Fixing Semi-rotary wing pump at Woodlands	75	0	.....		.....		.....
33	Polishing a fire place and painting His Highness' Sitting room.	18	0	.....		.....		.....
	Total Repairs ...	4,582	0 0	10,148	0 0	.....		10,148	0 0
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>								
34	Arrangements for watering lawn, &c.	94	0 0	160	0 0	.....		160	0 0
35	Garden ...	1,604	0 0	1,936	0 0	.....		1,936	0 0
36	Taxes ...	6,292	0 0	9,417	0 0	.....		9,417	0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	7,990	0 0	11,513	0 0	.....		11,513	0 0
	<i>Establishment.</i>								
37	Pay of Overseer ...	650	0 0	720	0 0	.....		720	0 0
38	Travelling allowance of State Engineer.	644	0 0	695	0 0	.....		695	0 0
39	Travelling allowance of Overseer...	60	0 0	60	0 0	.....		60	0 0
	Total Establishment ...	1,364	0 0	1,475	0 0	.....		1,475	0 0
	Total Woodlands ...	13,936	0 0	36,007	0 0	.....		36,007	0 0
	Colinton & Prospect House.								
	<i>Original Works</i> ...	.....		.....		.....		.....
	<i>Repairs.</i>								
40	Repairs to houses, out-houses, up keep of Roads &c.	1,789	0 0	1,818	0 0	.....		1,818	0 0
	Carried over Total Repairs Colinton and Prospect House.	1,789	0 0	1,818	0 0	.....		1,818	0 0
	Carried over Total Woodlands Palace.	13,936	0 0	36,007	0 0	.....		36,007	0 0
	Carried over Total Cooch Behar Palace.	29,349	0 0	43,092	0 0	164	0 0	43,256	0 0

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1918-19.—(Concluded.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1917-19.		Expenditure for 1918-19.					
				Amount.		Petty.		Total.	
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
	Brought forward total Cooch Behar.	29,349	0 0	43,092	0 0	164	0 0	43,256	0 0
	Brought forward total Woodlands...	13,936	0 0	36,007	0 0	.....		36,007	0 0
	Brought forward total Repairs...	1,789	0 0	1,818	0 0	.....		1,818	0 0
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>								
41	Insurance	813	0 0	313	0 0	.....		313	0 0
42	Taxes	1,259	0 0	1,221	0 0	.....		1,221	0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	1,572	0 0	1,534	0 0	.....		1,534	0 0
	<i>Establishment.</i>								
43	Garden including Establishment ...	944	0 0	1,083	0 0	.....		1,083	0 0
44	Proportionate pay of Assistant Engineer &c.	1,039	0 0	1,184	0 0	.....		1,184	0 0
45	Sligo Hall Servants Estbt. ...	154	0 0	168	0 0	.....		168	0 0
46	Travelling allowance of State Engineer.	510	0 0	471	0 0	.....		471	0 0
	Total Establishment ...	2,647	0 0	2,906	0 0	.....		2,906	0 0
	Total Colinton & Prospect House...	6,008	0 0	6,258	0 0	... ..		6,258	0 0
	Total Palace P. W. D. ...	49,298	0 0	85,337	0 0	164	0 0	85,521	0 0
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury.	6,668	0 0	7,729	0 0		7,729	0 0
	Grand total ..	55,961	0 0	98,086	0 0	164	0 0	98,250	0 0

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Statement showing the Repairs done to Roads &c., during the year 1918-19.

sn No.	Names of Roads.	Earthwork including dressing cft	Surface repairs sqt.	Turfing sqt.	Wood work cft.	Corrugated Iron culverts sqt.	Renewing Metalling. cft.	Railing	Plank-ing sqt.	Remarks.
1	Buxa Road	81,191	2,27,760	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Belarampur Feeder Road	90,102	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Cross Road from Mathabanga to Shitalkhuchi	3,88,987	8,000	.....	10-00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Ditto from Dinbata to Mekligunj	1,30,566	3,79,620	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	1,03,400	.....	.....	20-00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road	7,838	4,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Chowdhurhat Feeder Road	31,284	56,350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including the Dewan-gunj Feeder Road	3,42,704	1,69,355	6,010	8-00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar	26,933	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	Feeder Road from Dewanhat to Belarampur	4,526	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Sibpur Bowrah.	29,426	9,830	4,137	439-77	.....	.....	240	.....	.....
12	Falcutta Road	21,174	1,57,042	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	1,91,272	42,642	4,31,030	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Janaki Tewari Road	51,273	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	Kashibari Feeder Road	1,05,009	90,837	874	1-00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Kakina Road with branches	79,867	1,60,610	8,720	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Katanari to Manabari Road	2,61,647	2,270	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	Lowkuti Road	4,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Manikgunj Feeder Road	19,315	8,600	2,270	.....	.....	22314-47	.....	.....	.....
20	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs	40,015	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Furhabhag Road	3,50,532	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Ratherdanga Road	14,480	71,260	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	14,954	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	" in the Suburbs	1,23,652	1,21,400	.....	10-00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Road from Mathabanga to Moranga	1,16,179	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Ditto Changrabanda to Jamaldah	22,793	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Ditto Hadibori to Bhowlagunj	3,95,830	2,28,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Ditto Mathabanga to Falcutta	1,26,855	.....	.....	31-00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Ditto Ghokhadanga to Sukaridgi	13,360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Ditto Bhutaguri to Nazirhat	81,661	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	91,976	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Ditto Felbari to Chilkiguri	43,403	.....	.....	2 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Ditto Latkobrai to Chowdhurhat	8,947	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Ditto Chalkhiana to Eshubari	27,692	.....	420	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	Ditto Bheswar to Sukendigi via Pundibari	33,909	1,01,960	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
36	Ditto Salcagunj to Bamanhat	9,900	2,64,280	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garodhat	3,203	1,32,304	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Ditto Dinbata to Buxirhat	79,938	1,18,506	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	Rungpur Road	94,461	38,330	1,100	96-00	78
40	Village Paths
TOTAL		37,84,565	27,88,314	18,531	523-36	22410-47	318

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N.—Statement of Roads and Bridges under the charge of the Public Works Department

Serial No.	NAMES OF ROADS.	Width.	BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.									
			Iron bridges.		Pucca bridges.		Wooden bridges.		Bamboo bridges.		Culverts.	
			No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.
1	Buxa Road	20	3	325	1	12	1	25	...	...	...	...
2	Balarampur Feeder Road	15	3	133	7	215	2	150	...	...	...	...
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi	15	5	324	9	213	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Ditto from Dinhat to Mekligunj	20	4	274	...	...	5	177	...	...	...	...
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	15	...	...	...	...	5	242	...	...	...	...
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road up to Moranga via Ranirhat.	15, 10	1	132	5	54	2	97	1	62	...	...
7	Chowdhurhat Feeder Road	15	...	...	3	33	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewanganj Feeder Road.	20	11	1,329	15	402½	...	...	4	397	...	...
9	Ditto east of Cooch Behar	20	...	...	3	39	5	79	...	...	...	...
10	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakawa	15	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	...	...	...
11	Ditto Dewanhat to Balarampur	15	...	...	...	...	5	131	1	52	...	...
12	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Shibpur Bowrah.	15, 12	...	...	2	12	3	150	3	169	...	...
13	Falacutta Road	15	...	...	3	106	2	73	...	...	...	...
14	Gadadhar Road (Feeder Road from Banaswar to Natabari).	15	1	20	...	...	1	30	2	55	...	...
15	Janaki Tewari Road	15	...	...	1	6	2	82	...	...	...	...
16	Kashibari Feeder Road	15	...	...	...	...	1	75	...	...	...	...
17	Kakina Road with branches	15, 12, 20	...	...	5	171	4	227	...	...	...	...
18	Katamari to Manabari Road	15, 12	2	156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Lowkut Road	15, 20	2	305	5	173	1	10	...	...	...	...
20	Manickgunj Feeder Road	15	...	...	1	10	4	266	...	...	...	...
21	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs	20	1	...	2	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Purbabag Road	20	...	...	2	28	1	71	...	...	...	...
23	Roads and bridges at Nilkuti	20	...	...	1	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Ditto in the Suburbs	20, 15, 10	...	...	1	4	3	28	...	...	...	...
25	Rungpur Road	20	4	240	3	67	...	...	1	25	...	...
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga	12	...	...	1	10	1	89	2	75	...	...
27	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta	10, 12	...	...	...	...	1	30	4	99	...	...
29	Ditto Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	12, 15	...	...	1	5	1	30	1	32	...	...
30	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	10	1	20	...	...	...	...	2	130	...	...
31	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	...
32	Ditto Chilkahana to Bhatibari	12	...	...	...	...	1	15	1	30	...	...
33	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garadhat	12	...	...	...	...	4	124	6	250	...	...
34	Ditto Banaswar to Sukundighi via Pundibari.	15, 12	...	...	...	...	1	48	7	140	...	...
35	Ditto Dinhat to Buxirhat	12	...	...	2	8	1	15	...	...	...	...
36	Ditto Latkoberi to Chowdhurhat	12	1	23½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	Ditto Shabegunj to Bamanhat	10	...	...	2	13	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	Ratherdanga Road	10	...	...	...	...	2	35	3	68	...	...
39	Ghoshbadanga Shukhandighi Road	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	62	...	...
40	Salbari Road	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	Kristapur Road	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	Road from Changrabanda to Jamaladah	15	...	...	2	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ... ..	...	39	3,281½	77	1,694½	60	2,350	43	1,666	271	...
	Village Paths.											
1	Bowti Road	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Road from Gayadhat to Bholka	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Balarampur to Shikburi and Fulkumar	10	...	...	...	...	1	25	...	...	...	...
4	Balarampur to Chilkahana	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Dhubri—Teesta Road to Durgapur	10	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...
6	Kheti—Mathabhanga Road to Moranga with branch to Keshorhat.	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	90	...	...
7	Rungpur Road to Bamanhat through Gossaganj	10	...	...	1	15	1	13	...	...	...	...
8	Pundibari Road to Sil Torsa	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Road from Fulkumar to Nakkatiguch	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	...	...
10	Small roads including road to Hatibanda	15, 10	1	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Path from Cooch Behar to Tokoamari Road to Banaswar and to Marugunj.	10, 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	100	...	...
12	Road from Abutara to Bamanhat	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	105	...	...
13	Dhowlabari to Sisobola	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Path from Janaki Tewari Road to Ranirhat	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Cooch Behar to Rajarhat	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Debagram Road	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	50	...	...
17	Marugunj Road	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Chitni—Chilahati Road	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Thanerhat Road	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Falimari Road and Bhatibari Road	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Falimari Railway Station to Purbabag	15	...	...	...	...	1	45	...	...	...	...
22	Chenakata to Buragurihat	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	26	...	...
23	Road from Katamari Road to Khagendra Nath Deota's house (Mainagurihat).	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Road from Noyahat to Dowagurihat	12	...	...	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	...
	Total ... ..	...	1	80	1	15	5	108	12	421	27	...

and Expenditure in the year 1918-1919.

LENGTH.				EXPENDITURE.			REMARKS.
Metal- led.	Embanked and bridged.	Embanked but not perma- nently bridged	Neither em- banked nor bridged.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Total.	
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	441	441	
.....	18	.....	.....	.....	557	557	
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	1,740	1,740	
.....	29	.....	.....	769	679	1,448	
.....	11½	.....	.....	.....	757	757	
.....	12	9	.....	1,776	768	2,544	
.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	110	110	
1	40½	.....	.....	315	4,456	4,771	
1	19½	.....	.....	.....	287	287	
.....	11	.....	.....	.....	916	916	
.....	7	.....	.....	.....	140	140	
.....	19	.....	.....	2,685	502	3,087	
.....	6	.....	.....	1,142	117	1,259	
.....	7	.....	.....	434	88	522	
.....	.....	11	.....	.....	386	386	
.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	478	478	
.....	35	.....	.....	.....	1,050	1,050	
.....	9	.....	.....	.....	608	608	
.....	28	.....	.....	762	1,633	2,395	
.....	4	.....	.....	.....	15	15	
3½	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,924	3,924	
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	148	148	
2½	4	.....	.....	.....	1,112	1,112	
.....	10	.....	.....	.....	276	276	
1½	29½	.....	.....	.....	354	354	
.....	.....	16	.....	.....	1,344	13,44	
.....	.....	2	4	.....	30	30	
.....	.....	4	8	.....	1,352	1,352	
.....	.....	8	.....	224	170	394	
.....	.....	7	.....	.....	191	191	
.....	.....	10	.....	200	365	565	
.....	.....	8	.....	420	29	449	
.....	.....	27½	4	2,394	3,992	6,386	
.....	.....	11	.....	.....	84	84	
.....	.....	6	.....	.....	131	131	
.....	.....	.....	5	.....	89	89	
.....	.....	3½	.....	.....	163	163	
.....	1	.....	4½	734	1,698	2,432	
.....	6	.....	10½	.....	381	381	
.....	.....	.....	4½	.....	14	14	
.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	1	
.....	.....	.....	4	661	495	1,156	
8½	347½	122½	53½	12,416	32,071	44,487	
.....	5	
.....	3	
.....	2	12	
.....	6	
.....	4	
.....	11	
.....	6	10	
.....	2	
.....	2½	
.....	2	4	
.....	8½	
.....	3½	711	
.....	5	
.....	2	
.....	3½	
.....	4½	
.....	44	
.....	3½	
.....	7½	
.....	3	
.....	2½	
.....	3	
.....	½	
.....	3½	
.....	11½	6½	107½	

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

O.—Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund
for the year 1918-19.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-18.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-19.						
		Amount.		Total.	Amount.		Total.				
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
	Communication Improve- ment Fund.										
1	Original Works ...	9,775	0	0				12,832	0	0	
2	Repairs ...	34,416	0	0				33,803	0	0	
3	Contingencies ...	360	0	0				360	0	0	
4	Rest House Establishment ...	891	0	0				971	0	0	
	Total ...			—	45,442	0	0		47,966	0	0
5	Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.			4,952	0	0	16,552	0	0
	Grand Total			50,394	0	0	64,518	0	0
	Receipts.										
6	Communication Improvement ... Fund.			216	0	0	371	0	0

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Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1918-19.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-1918			EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919.				
		Total.			Annual.	Special.	Unforeseen.	Total.	
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	P.
	Communication Improvement Fund.								
	<i>Original Works.</i>								
1	46th mile bridge on Emigration Road...	9,775	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Providing Pucca culverts and Timber Bridges on Roads.	.....			11,743	0	0	.....	11,743 0 0
3	Reconstruction of an abutment with wing walls of the Iron Bridge on the 2nd. mile of Lowkutty Road.	.....			473	0	0	.....	473 0 0
4	Widening a portion of Chilkigury Road and providing a pucca culvert in front of the Rest house.	.....			200	0	0	.....	200 0 0
5	Opening four trucks in the Garadhat circle.	.....			416	0	0	.....	416 0 0
	Total Original Works	9,775	0	0	12,832	0	0	.....	12,832 0 0
	<i>Repairs.</i>								
6	Buxa Road ..	439	0	0	110	0	0	193	441 0 0
7	Balarampur Feeder Road ..	571	0	0	201	0	0	94	557 0 0
8	Cross road from Mathabhangha to Shitalkhuchi.	817	0	0	118	0	0	1,622	1,740 0 0
9	Ditto Dinhat to Mckligunj	981	0	0	487	0	0	192	679 0 0
10	Ditto Patgram to Bhutan ..	418	0	0	598	0	0	249	757 0 0
11	Changrabanda Feeder Road ..	455	0	0	84	0	0	684	769 0 0
12	Chowdhurhat ditto ..	49	0	0	18	0	0	92	110 0 0
13	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar	3,706	0	0	1,838	0	0	531	4,456 0 0
14	Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar	294	0	0	154	0	0	133	287 0 0
15	Feeder Road from Dewanhat to Balarampur.	228	0	0	76	0	0	64	140 0 0
16	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi	926	0	0	216	0	0	286	502 0 0
17	Falacutta Road ..	323	0	0	60	0	0	57	117 0 0
18	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakha.	531	0	0	152	0	0	566	916 0 0
19	Ditto Baneswar to Natabari	102	0	0	28	0	0	60	88 0 0
20	Inspection Bungalows ..	1,337	0	0	10,21	0	0	.....	1,021 0 0
21	Janaki Tewari Road ..	230	0	0	139	0	0	153	386 0 0
22	Kashiabari Feeder Road ..	565	0	0	200	0	0	278	478 0 0
23	Kakina Road with branches ..	921	0	0	412	0	0	595	1,500 0 0
24	Katamari to Manabari Road ..	659	0	0	352	0	0	70	608 0 0
25	Kristapur Road ..	.....			1	0	0	.....	1 0 0
26	Lowkutty Road ..	1,607	0	0	363	0	0	821	1,633 0 0
27	Manickgunj Feeder Road ..	93	0	0	15	0	0	.....	15 0 0
28	Metalled roads in the Town & Suburbs	2,957	0	0	3,924	0	0	.....	3,924 0 0
29	Purbabing Road ..	138	0	0	31	0	0	117	148 0 0
30	Ratherdanga Road ..	216	0	0	99	0	0	1,599	1,698 0 0
31	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti ..	777	0	0	1,112	0	0	.....	1,112 0 0
32	Ditto in the Suburbs ..	177	0	0	143	0	0	131	276 0 0
33	Road from Mathabhangha to Moranga ..	318	0	0	225	0	0	318	1,944 0 0
34	Road from Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ..	118	0	0	30	0	0	.....	30 0 0
35	Road from Changrabanda to Jamalda	.....			198	0	0	297	495 0 0
36	Road from Mathabhangha to Falacutta	216	0	0	69	0	0	1,283	1,352 0 0
37	Road from Ghokshadanga to Shukhandighi.	77	0	0	.....			381	381 0 0
38	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat ..	146	0	0	134	0	0	36	170 0 0
39	Road from Dewanhat to Chilkihat ..	185	0	0	28	0	0	168	191 0 0
40	Road from Dinhat to Buxirhat ..	70	0	0	57	0	0	74	131 0 0
41	Road from Fulbari to Chilkiguri ..	417	0	0	68	0	0	297	365 0 0
42	Road from Latkoberi to Chowdhurhat	41	0	0	89	0	0	.....	89 0 0
43	Road from Chilakhana to Bhatbari ..	170	0	0	29	0	0	.....	29 0 0
44	Road from Baneswar to Sukandighi via Pundibari.	809	0	0	84	0	0	.....	84 0 0
45	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat ..	4,759	0	0	438	0	0	3,559	3,992 0 0
46	Road from Shahebgunj to Bamonhat ..	53	0	0	57	0	0	106	168 0 0
47	Rangpur Road ..	548	0	0	164	0	0	190	354 0 0
48	Salbari Road ..	123	0	0	14	0	0	.....	14 0 0
49	Village Paths ..	1,411	0	0	453	0	0	258	711 0 0
50	Repairs to Flood damages ..	5,523	0	0	.....			.....	.....
	Carried over Total Repairs	34,416	0	0	18,991	0	0	9,832	33,803 0 0
	Carried over Total Original Works	9,775	0	0	12,832	0	0	.....	12,832 0 0

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1918-19.—(Concluded.)

Item No	PARTICULARS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-1918.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919.				
		Total.	Annual	Special.	Unforeseen.	Total.	
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
	Brought forward Original Works ...	9,775 0 0	12,832 0 0	.....	.....	12,832 0 0	
	Brought forward Repairs ...	34,416 0 0	13,991 0 0	9,832 0 0	9,980 0 0	33,803 0 0	
	Drainage.						
51	Opening and maintaining drainage channels in the State.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Drainage ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Contingencies.						
52	Contingen ies ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
53	Driver of Steam Road Roller ...	360 0 0	360 0 0	.....	.....	360 0 0	
	Total Contingencies ...	360 0 0	360 0 0	.....	.....	360 0 0	
	Inspection Bungalow Establishment						
54	Chowkidars for Rest houses ...	891 0 0	971 0 0	.....	.....	971 0 0	
	Total C. I. Fund ...	45,442 0 0	28,154 0 0	9,832 0 0	9,980 0 0	47,966 0 0	
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury.	4,952 0 0	16,552 0 0	16,552 0 0	
	Grand total ..	50,394 0 0	44,706 0 0	9,832 0 0	9,980 0 0	64,518 0 0	

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P.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Statement of Contribution Works for the year 1918-19.

Sl. No.	Names of works.	Amount of Estimate.	State grant.	Amount of contribution.	Expenditure during the year.	Expenditure up to date.	Balance available on the 31st March 1919.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION.						
1	Shahbegunj drain ...	1,569	.....	1,169 0 0	978 0 0	1,169 0 0*
2	Pucca well at Ranirhat ...	481	.....	481 0 0	.....	218 0 0	218 0 0
3	Constructing Mekligunj H. E. School building.	7,470	.....	6,808 0 0	458 0 0	6,808 0 0	.....
4	Sanitation Scheme ...	40,890	25,000	26,572 0 0	106 0 0	51,572 0 0	.....
5	Anti-cholera Scheme ...	.....	.....	50,869 0 0	87 0 0	50,855 0 0	14 0 0
6	Approach road to Chilakhana hat ground.	.....	.....	300 0 0	.....	.....	300 0 0
7	Improvement of Bhetaguri Bunder ...	.....	.....	93 0 0	.....	22 0 0	71 0 0
8	Trigonometrical Survey station project No. 1.	.....	.....	78 0 0	.....	35 0 0	48 0 0
9	Do. Do. Project No. 2.	.....	.....	13 0 0	.....	.....	13 0 0
0	H E School building at Dinahata ...	9,487	.....	9,407 0 0	762 0 0	9,407 0 0	.....
1	Latrine and Urinals &c. attached to Mekligunj H. E. School	1,242	.....	1,242 0 0	141 0 0	1,242 0 0	.....
2	Nripendra Narayan Memorial Hostel.	.....	.....	3,400 0 0	1 0 0	3,400 0 0	.....
3	Constructing Theatre Hall at Cooch Behar.	4,865	.....	170 0 0	.....	163 0 0	7 0 0
4	Pucca house at Dehibari ...	10,807	.....	10,807 0 0	9 0 0	10,807 0 0	.....
5	New Boarding attached to Dinahata School	1,588	.....	1,588 0 0	185 0 0	1,588 0 0	.....
6	Certain works in connection with College Laboratory.	.....	.....	494 0 0	45 0 0	494 0 0	.....
7	Pucca well at Dinahata School Boarding.	807	.....	807 0 0	1 0 0	807 0 0	.....
8	Excavating Tank north of Road joining Dalton Street and Ahmuty Road.	301	201	100 0 0	32 0 0	301 0 0	.....
9	Two additional rooms attached to Tufangunj H. E. School.	2,552	.....	2,638 0 0	160 0 0	2,638 0 0	.....
0	Additional rooms for the Dinahata School Boarding.	1,617	.....	1,617 0 0	88 0 0	1,617 0 0	.....
1	Nripendra Narayan Memorial Hall at Mekligunj	5,865	.....	5,865 0 0	—601 0 0	68 0 0	5,797 0 0
2	Shooting Camp at Patlakhawa and Takomari.	.....	.....	909 0 0	15 0 0	909 0 0	.....
3	Do. Tufangunj ...	.....	.....	237 0 0	7 0 0	237 0 0	.....
4	Rajon Boarding Light Post ...	125	.....	125 0 0	32 0 0	125 0 0	.....
5	Improving Ranigunj pipe-well at Haribolar Hat.	60	.....	60 0 0	49 0 0	49 0 0	11 0 0
6	Dolls House in Palace ...	3,890	.....	3,000 0 0	.....	2,832 0 0	168 0 0
7	Repairs to Haldibari Boarding ...	507	.....	507 0 0	388 0 0	888 0 0	119 0 0
8	Pucca Latrine and urinal for Tufangunj H. E. School.	386	.....	386 0 0	176 0 0	176 0 0	210 0 0
9	Improvement of old School Building at Mekligunj.	1,874	.....	1,874 0 0	1,767 0 0	1,767 0 0	107 0 0
0	Anti-cholera Tube wells ...	.....	.....	1,000 0 0	923 0 0	923 0 0	77 0 0
	Total Rupees	25,211	1,32,566 0 0	5,810 0 0	1,50,617 0 0	7,150 0 0

* Balance returned to the Depositors.

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State Engineer, P. W. Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.**

**Q.—Abstract of Annual Expenditure for the Chaklajat Public Works for
1918-1919.**

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-18.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-19.		
	Amount.		Total.	Amount.		Total.
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
ORIGINAL WORKS.						
Civil Buildings	759	0 0	.....	1,595	0 0	
Total			759 0 0			1,595 0 0
REPAIRS						
Civil Buildings	4,183	0 0		3,674	0 0	
Communication	101	0 0		48	0 0	
Miscellaneous ... ..	.....			56	0 0	
Total			4,284 0 0	-		3,778 0 0
ESTABLISHMENT						
Establishment including Contingency.	398	0 0		579	0 0	
Total			398 0 0			579 0 0
GRAND TOTAL			5,441 0 0			5,952 0 0

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State Engineer, P. W. Dept.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

Annual Statement of Expenditure for Chaklajat for the year 1918-19.—(Contd.)

Serial No.	PARTICULARS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-18.				EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-19.			
		Total.		Annual.		Petty.		Total.	
		Rs.	As. P.	Rs.	As. P.	Rs.	As. P.	Rs.	As. P.
	ORIGINAL.								
1	Additions to Debigunj Dispensary ...	542	0 0	78	0 0	.....		78	0 0
2	Providing wooden ceiling to Debigunj guest house.	217	0 0	.....		.....		.....
3	A Pucca Latrine with a separate urinal in the Manager's office compound.	.....		196	0 0	.....		196	0 0
4	Pucca Latrine with arched roofing in the Manager's quarters.	.....		241	0 0	.....		241	0 0
5	Ranigunj pipe well in the Patgram staging Bungalow compound.	.....		187	0 0	.....		187	0 0
6	Removing and reconstructing the cook-shed attached to Sonahar Tehsil Kutchery.	.....		40	0 0	.....		40	0 0
7	Ranigunj pipe well for Philkhana at Debigunj.	...	.....	203	0 0	.....		203	0 0
8	Purchase of two Corrugated Iron roofed structures of the Kaligunj Police Out-posts.	.....		650	0 0	.....		650	0 0
	Total Original Works ...	759	0 0	1,595	0 0	.....		1,595	0 0
	Repairs.—Civil Buildings.								
9	Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	69	0 0	113	0 0	.....		113	0 0
10	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes)...	847	0 0	619	0 0	14	0 0	633	0 0
11	Dispensary and Native Doctor's quarters at Debigunj.	229	0 0	125	0 0	.....		125	0 0
12	Guest house at Debigunj ...	28	0 0	47	0 0	.....		47	0 0
13	Manager's Residence at Debigunj ...	286	0 0	291	0 0	.....		291	0 0
14	Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri	79	0 0	51	0 0	.....		51	0 0
15	Ditto ditto at Debigunj ...	266	0 0	225	0 0	.....		225	0 0
16	Patgram Toke Kutchery ...	95	0 0	125	0 0	.....		125	0 0
17	Philkhana and Mahoots' quarters...	89	0 0	160	0 0	.....		160	0 0
18	Rungpur Toke Kutcheries ...	182	0 0	349	0 0	18	0 0	367	0 0
19	School Buildings in the Estates ...	100	0 0	100	0 0	.....		100	0 0
20	Staging Bungalows at Debigunj and Patgram.	111	0 0	238	0 0	51	0 0	289	0 0
21	Sub-Registry office building at Boda	12	0 0	69	0 0	.....		69	0 0
22	Temples at Boda, Patgram and Purbabing.	304	0 0	238	0 0	.....		238	0 0
23	Half-terracing the Boda Tehsil Kutchery	492	0 0	.....		.....		.....
24	Thorough repairs to Chandrahata Kutchery.	306	0 0	.....		.....		.....
25	Repairing Debigunj Temple ...	688	0 0	.....		.....		.....
26	Renewing roof of Boda Tehsil Kutchery.	.....		315	0 0	.....		315	0 0
27	Repairs to two Corrugated Iron roofed structures of the Kaligunj Police Out-post.	.....		249	0 0	.....		249	0 0
28	Half Terracing roof of Estate Muktear's office at Jalpaiguri.	.....		195	0 0	.....		195	0 0
29	Thorough repairs to Bodeswari Thakurbari.	.....		82	0 0	.....		82	0 0
	Carried over Total Civil Buildings ...	4,183	0 0	3,591	0 0	88	0 0	3,674	0 0
	Carried over Original Works ...	759	0 0	1,595	0 0	.....		1,595	0 0

Annual Statement of Expenditure for Chaklajet for the year 1918-19.—(Conld.)

Serial No.	PARTICULARS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1917-18.						EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-19.					
		Total.			Annual.			Petty.			Total.		
		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	759	0	0	1,595	0	0	.....			1,595	0	0
	" Repairs Civil buildings.	4,188	0	0	3,591	0	0	88	0	0	3,674	0	0
	<i>Communications.</i>												
30	Station Road ...	101	0	0	48	0	0	.....			48	0	0
	Total Communications ...	101	0	0	48	0	0	.....			48	0	0
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>												
31	Tangali Bund, Tanks and Wells ...	.....			56	0	0	.....			56	0	0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	.....			56	0	0	.....			56	0	0
	Total Repairs ...	4,284	0	0	3,695	0	0	88	0	0	3,778	0	0
	<i>Establishment.</i>												
32	Sub-overseer and peon ...	141	0	0	96	0	0	.....			96	0	0
33	Chowkidars and Sweepers for Patgram Dak-Bungalow.	120	0	0	120	0	0	.....			120	0	0
34	Travelling & Contingencies ...	137	0	0	363	0	0	.....			363	0	0
	Total Establishment ...	898	0	0	579	0	0	.....			579	0	0
	Grand Total ...	5,441	0	0	5,869	0	0	88	0	0	5,952	0	0
	<i>RECEIPT.</i>												
	Sale of old materials ...	8	0	0	7	6	0	83	0	0	7	6	0

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TABLE R.—Shewing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.			In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily No. of in-patients.	Average daily No. of out-patients.
1918-1919.							
Sudder Dispensory	...	...	770	13,000	13,770	19.51	94.55
Dinhata "	...	...	104	1,901	1,005	8.22	116.27
Mathabhabanga "	...	...	116	5,175	5,291	4.91	35.06
Mekligunj "	...	...	72	8,618	8,690	1.88	29.50
Tufangunj "	...	...	38	4,399	4,431	0.97	26.02
Haldibari "	...	...	117	7,261	7,378	3.41	45.92
Shitalkhuchoi "	...	...	23	2,219	2,242	.71	16.48
Nisbigunj "	...	...	.....	3,238	3,238	.....	15.34
State Jail Hospital	...	...	178	.....	178	3.80	.....
Police and Military Hospital	...	...	379	.....	379	7.70	.....
Total	...	...	1,797	49,865	51,662	46.11	879.24
1917-1918.							
Sudder Hospital	...	...	634	13,399	14,033	15.74	97.67
Dinhata "	...	...	129	9,037	9,166	3.51	92.63
Mathabhabanga "	...	...	119	5,175	5,294	4.91	35.06
Mekligunj "	...	...	47	8,575	8,622	1.44	27.65
Tufangunj "	...	...	34	5,123	5,157	1.42	28.36
Haldibari "	...	...	47	7,726	7,773	1.98	51.75
Shitalkhuchoi "	...	...	22	2,112	2,134	0.62	14.64
Nisbigunj Dispensary	...	...	.....	3,168	3,168	.....	18.80
State Jail Hospital	...	...	112	.....	112	3.05	.....
Police and Military Hospital	...	...	425	.....	425	8.27	.....
Total	...	...	1,569	49,314	50,883	40.24	364.56

TABLE S.—Shows the particulars of mortality amongst cases treated as in-patients in the various Hospitals in the State.

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TABLE T.

*Number of Major operations and their results performed in Sudder Hospital.
during the year 1918-19.*

Number of operations.	Names of diseases.	Total cases.	Cured.	Relieved or Otherwise.	Died.	Nature of operation done.
1	Abscess Ischiorectal deep ...	2	2	...	...	Opened.
2	" Thigh ...	9	9	...	...	Ditto.
3	" Leg ...	5	5	...	...	Ditto.
4	" Back ...	2	2	...	...	Ditto.
5	" Chest Wall ...	1	1	...	...	Ditto.
6	" Glutial ...	2	2	...	...	Ditto.
7	" Scrotum within sac ...	4	4	...	...	Ditto.
8	" Neck deep ...	1	1	...	...	Ditto.
9	Sinus Thigh ...	4	4	...	...	Ditto and counter-opened.
10	" Goitre ...	1	...	1	...	Opened.
11	" Behind anus ...	1	1	...	...	Ditto.
12	Carbuncle ...	2	2	...	...	Incised and unhealthy portion removed.
13	Cataract ...	9	9	...	...	Lens removed with iridectomy.
14	Ascites ...	1	...	1	...	Paracentesis abdomenes.
15	Supp. Hydrocele ...	4	4	...	...	Opened.
16	" Parotitis ...	1	1	...	...	Opened and gland removed
17	Injury Finger ...	1	1	...	...	Amputated.
18	" Knee ...	1	1	...	...	Stitched.
19	" Fore Arm... ..	2	2	...	...	Ditto.
20	Elephantiasis ...	5	5	...	...	Radical operation.
21	Hydrocele ...	6	6	...	...	Ditto.
22	Cicatricial Adhesion ...	1	1	...	...	Removed and portion set free.
23	Appendicitis Supp. ...	1	1	...	...	Opened.
24	Mastoid Abscess... ..	1	1	...	...	Opened and scraped.
25	Tumour forehead... ..	2	2	...	...	Removed.
26	Difficult labour (Transverse presentation with prolapse arm).	2	2	...	...	Everation and cranotomy.
	Total ...	71	69	2	...	

DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	OUT-DOOR PATIENTS.			RESULT OF TREATMENT OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS.					TOTAL OF OUT AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS.	
	IN-DOOR PATIENTS.			Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged otherwise.	Died.	Remain- ing.	Total.	
	1917-1918.	1918-19.	1917-1918							
			1918-19.							1917-18. 1918-19.
GENERAL DISEASES.										
Small-pox ...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	6
Malarial fever ...	18,829	19,560	240	623	521	46	29	25	2	623 19,069 20,183
Cholera ...	1	11	5	24	10	3	1	10	...	24 6 35
Rheumatic affections ...	1,137	958	12	47	26	15	6	...	...	47 1,149 1,005
Erythritic ditto ...	228	125	37	27	14	7	4	2	...	27 265 152
LOCAL DISEASES.										
Goitre ...	599	616	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	599 616
Respiratory affections...	1,984	1,985	22	44	29	4	4	7	...	44 2,008 2,029
Dysentery ...	878	654	53	87	67	9	3	6	2	87 931 741
Diarrhoea ...	978	613	11	35	25	3	2	3	1	35 989 648
Worms ...	749	623	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	750 633
Spleen ...	1,592	1,341	39	24	18	3	1	2	...	24 1,631 1,365
Skin diseases ...	5,545	6,159	3	6	3	2	1	6 5,548 6,165

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TABLE V.

Showing the result of vaccination operations.

					YEARS.	
					1917-1918.	1918-1919.
Total vaccinated	...	...	...	...	50,584	64,856
Males	...	...	...	...	29,115	41,100
Females	...	...	...	...	21,464	28,971
Christians	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Hindoos	...	...	...	...	33,169	47,570
Mahomedans	...	...	...	...	17,118	21,729
Other castes	...	...	...	...	297	776
Under one year	...	...	...	...	18,757	18,673
Above one year	...	...	...	...	31,827	51,402
SUCCESSFUL CASES.	Out of 4 points	4	...	...	8,020	5,986
		3	...	...	4,553	5,402
		2	...	...	8,585	15,485
		1	...	...	4,592	13,577
	Out of 2 points	2	...	...	10,119	18,216
		1	...	...	4,918	7,824
Unsuccessful	...	...	...	...	2,205	3,416
Unknown	...	...	...	...	7,792	1,495
Total successful cases	...	...	...	...	40,587	61,440
Percentage of do.	...	...	...	...	80.23	94.73

TABLE W.

Shows daily average population of the Sudder Jail and all particulars about the Hospital.

					YEARS.	
					1917-18.	1918-19.
1. Daily average population	...	...	...	...	114.15	118.94
2. Admission on account of sickness	...	...	...	...	112	178
3. Average sick	...	...	...	...	3.05	3.80
4. Deaths	...	...	...	...	3	4
5. Percentage of deaths	...	...	...	...	2.62	3.36

TABLE X.

Showing the sick and death rate of the Police and the Military Hospital.

YEAR.	Daily average of strength.	POLICE.			MILITARY.			Daily sick.
		Admission.	Death.	Daily sick.	Daily average of strength.	Admission.	Death.	
1918-19 ...	245.00	132	1	2.80	150.04	247	3	4.90
1917-18 ...	253.17	88	1	2.67	145.23	337	2	5.60

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TABLE Y.
Financial Statement.

Dispensaries.	Establishment.	Contingent charges.	Travelling allowances.	Postage.	Diet.	Clothing beddings.	Furniture.	Decrease of live and dead body.	Cost of stationery purchased and distributed to others.	Total expenditure.	Cost of each diet.	Cost of medicines &c purchased and distributed to others.	Prescriptions fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles.	REMARKS.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Sudder Dispensary	12,047 0 0	1,887 0 0	717 0 0	.....	866 0 0	262 0 0	4 10 3	33 0 0	243 0 0	16,059 10 3	2 0 2	10,145 0 0	354 0 6	1,339 4 0	10 10 6	
Dinbata "	1,212 0 0	104 8 6	5 9 0	8 4 0	227 2 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,578 0 0	0 0 2	5 42	163 3 0	162 14 6	1 7 0	
Mathabhang "	1,640 15 0	86 9 0	77 6 3	0 291 11 9	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	2,235 0 0	0 0 2	10 4	55 3 0	35 11 3	3 6	
Mekligunj "	1,285 2 0	77 0 0	.....	4 7 6	182 0 0	.....	5 8	2 0 0	.....	1,512 0 7	0 3 2	.....	127 13 0	112 7 6	2 0 0	
Toofangunj "	1,188 0 0	61 11 10	95 6 0	4 1 6	65 3 1	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....	1,484 3 11	0 3 1	.....	81 5 0	59 9 6	.....
Haldibari "	1,891 0 0	113 4 0	107 10 6	6 4 0	285 0 0	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	2,376 0 0	0 3 3	.....	28 0 0	97 2 6	3 11 0	
Shitalkhuchi,	968 0 0	97 4 6	3 0 0	3 0 0	53 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,129 0 0	0 3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nishigunj "	816 0 0	43 0 0	33 0 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	894 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 7 6	
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,367 14 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sudder Dispensary	9,374 0 0	1,373 0 0	684 0 0	.....	755 0 0	187 0 0	40 0 0	19 0 0	191 0 0	12,673 0 0	0 0 2	8,050 0 0	1,292 0 0	1,237 0 0	16 0 0	
Dinbata "	1,202 0 0	101 6 0	96 0 0	8 0 0	252 5 2	0 8 0	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,630 0 0	0 2 10	.....	125 0 0	118 7 6	1 0 0	
Mathabhang "	1,812 0 0	87 0 0	28 0 0	6 0 0	293 0 0	4 0 0	.....	3 0 0	.....	2,233 0 0	0 2 7	.....	71 0 0	21 0 0	3 0 0	
Mekligunj "	1,092 0 0	63 0 0	15 0 0	4 12 6	112 0 0	Nil	2 0 0	.....	.....	1,296 0 0	0 3 9	.....	111 0 0	127 0 0	3 0 0	
Toofangunj "	1,242 0 0	53 0 0	6 0 0	3 0 0	55 0 0	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,361 0 0	0 2 9	.....	56 0 0	39 0 0	.....
Haldibari "	1,892 0 0	72 0 0	50 0 0	5 0 0	127 0 0	.....	.....	7 0 0	.....	2,153 0 0	0 4 4	.....	11 0 0	39 0 6	1 0 0	
Shitalkhuchi,	984	78 0 0	9 0 0	6 0 0	44 0 0	6 0 0	1 0 0	1,128 0 0	0 3 0	0 9 0	1 0 0	
Nishigunj "	816	46 0 0	2 0 0	864 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	
al	23,279 0 0	

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RAINFALL Z.

MONTHS.	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	1912-13	1913-14	1914-15	1915-16	1916-17	1917-18	1918-19	Total.	Average.
April ...	9.20	2.44	8.10	7.18	1.92	8.08	3.18	12.98	10.80	9.71	73.54	7.35
May ...	16.55	20.33	18.38	11.64	14.20	9.86	25.25	25.92	5.04	15.88	162.62	16.26
June ...	52.00	64.04	32.19	19.74	33.14	25.48	13.45	38.52	39.49	35.74	353.79	35.39
July ...	18.07	52.74	41.53	37.80	33.98	7.77	18.56	52.23	26.07	49.39	338.14	33.81
August ...	19.80	19.74	16.75	25.61	18.95	35.22	26.67	17.56	11.87	27.63	214.90	21.48
September ...	15.87	18.53	27.58	20.57	37.18	20.70	12.67	34.18	18.13	9.99	215.40	21.54
October ...	9.87	18.54	25.87	6.73	6.53	3.07	5.79	6.46	14.75	0.90	93.58	9.35
November...	...	...	0.16	3.77	0.03	0.25	0.14	0.03	...	...	4.38	0.43
December ...	...	...	...	...	1.32	0.11	...	...	...	...	1.43	0.14
January ...	...	1.64	0.05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.69	0.16
February ...	0.33	...	0.57	2.18	4.13	4.13	0.82	1.75	...	...	13.91	1.39
March ...	4.75	3.04	3.60	1.77	0.32	0.32	0.25	0.18	...	...	14.23	1.42
Total ...	146.44	178.04	174.78	137.01	146.52	115.94	106.78	189.81	117.15	119.19	1487.66	148.72

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FROM

N. N. SEN, ESQ., C.I.E., BAR-AT-LAW,

Dewan of the Cooch Behar State.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR
IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.*Dated, Cooch Behar, the 4th September, 1919.*

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1918-19.

2. I remained in charge of the department throughout the year. Under Your Highness' orders Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Officiating Fouzdari Ahilkar, joined this office as Revenue Officer with effect from the 2nd of January, 1919.

SECTION I.—LAND REVENUE.

3. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 14,73,348 and together with an increase of Rs. 1,727 due to re-settlement concluded with retrospective effect, the arrear demand was Rs. 56,600. The total demand thus amounted to Rs. 15,29,948. The total collection was Rs. 14,34,199 but as it included Taufir or excess payment of Rs. 2,073 relating to future period, the net collection for the year was Rs. 14,32,126. The total amount of remission granted was Rs. 2,864. The net amount credited against the total demand of Rs. 15,29,948 was Rs. 14,32,126 and Rs. 2,864 or Rs. 14,34,990. The recoverable balance was, therefore, Rs. 94,958. The following table compares the figures for the last eight years:—

YEAR	DEMAND.							BALANCE.					REMARKS.
	Net or current demand	Balance or arrear demand.		Total arrear demand	Grand total of demand	Amount of collections	Amount written off	Out of arrear demand	Out of current demand	Total	Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is included in the collections		
		Amount of balance shown in the statement for the previous year	Increase.										
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
1911-1912	14,08,889	19,584	1,277	20,861	14,29,894	14,12,078	2,738	6,193	16,883	19,876	4,987		
1912-1913	14,16,868	19,876	8,038	24,908	14,41,471	14,24,015	2,068	8,816	14,808	30,619	5,236		
1913-1914	14,19,008	20,819	1,385	21,884	14,40,987	14,29,047	2,196	8,206	9,283	14,488	4,704		
1914-1915	14,31,614	14,488	4,816	19,804	14,60,618	14,22,728	3,178	4,700	14,810	19,360	8,442		
1915-1916	14,33,787	19,880	1,807	21,167	14,66,894	14,35,406	1,139	3,368	21,814	24,099	4,344		
1916-1917	14,38,365	24,899	6,018	20,717	14,89,083	14,63,299	1,014	10,290	16,588	28,888	3,089		
1917-1918	14,73,071	26,789	17,889	48,649	15,15,679	14,60,897	2,801	19,487	25,386	54,872	2,093	* This figure should be 25,789 due to rectification of certain mistakes.	
1918-1919	14,73,848	24,973	1,727	26,800	15,38,948	14,34,199	2,864	27,885	67,373	94,958	2,073		

4. From the details in statements I and II, appended to this report, which refer to Māl and Debutter, it will be observed that as compared with 1917-18, the gross increase in the current demand amounted to Rs. 9,326 and the gross decrease to Rs. 8,009 resulting in a net increase of Rs. 1,317. For the sake of convenience of reference the different items of increase and decrease are shewn in juxtaposition in the following table:—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of time-expired jotes ...	2,293	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes ...	559	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of relinquished jotes, Rs. 72 ...		Decrease due to jotes being declared Khas under Section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act ...	248	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Khas lands & jotes Rs. 508 ...		Decrease due to diluvion Rs. 106		
Increase obtained by revision of settlement Rs. 441 ...		Decrease due to cancellation of lease of bad jotes. Rs. 87 ...	337	
Increase obtained by yearly proportionate enhancement of revenue of certain re-settled jotes Rs. 140 ...	1,182	Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes Rs. 41		
Increase obtained by rectification in the Towji of Mahakup revenue or revenue held in abeyance under orders Rs. 21 ...		Decrease due to revision of settlement Rs. 103 ...		
		Decrease due to rectification of mistakes in the Towji ...	12	
		Decrease due to falling off of revenue from Syrat Mehals	6,853	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Syrat Mehals ...	5,851			
	9,326		8,009	

5. During the year under report there was under the Syrat Mehals a net decrease of Rs. 1,002 against a net increase of Rs. 11,475 in 1917-18 and of Rs. 19,269 in 1916-17. The abnormal increase in Syrat Revenue in the previous two years aggregating Rs. 30,744 was due to the introduction of revised Nirikhnama or Schedule of rates for the Hāts in the State.

6. The next source of increase is what is called the "time expired Jotes" from which Rs. 2,293 were obtained. As these are all alluvial formations, they are at first settled for 10 years only and on the expiration of that period they are again resettled. The total increase from this source in 1918-19 and 1917-18 amounted to Rs. 5,515, while that for the preceding 5 years was Rs. 5,786. The amount of increase obtained from re-assessment during the last 10 years is shewn below:—

YEARS.	Rs.
1909-10 ...	230
1910-11 ...	470
1911-12 ...	627
1912-13 ...	1,203
1913-14 ...	957
1914-15 ...	1,202
1915-16 ...	1,135
1916-17 ...	1,289
1917-18 ...	3,221
1918-19 ...	2,293

7. The increase obtained by the re-settlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes as well as by the enhancement of revenue under some other heads as detailed in the table under paragraph 4 amounted to Rs. 1,182 as against Rs. 870 of the year previous.

8. The collections for the year under report amounted to Rs. 14,34,199. They fell short of the current demand by Rs. 39,149; the collections for 1917-18 by Rs. 26,198 and the average collections for the preceding five years by

Rs. 10,373. The following table compares the collections in each sub-divisional office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.		DEMAND.			Amount collected.	Percentage of collection on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Current.	Arrear.	Total.				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder	1917-18	3,09,819	9,509	3,19,328	3,04,999	98 44	14,260	4 4
	1918-19	3,06,993	14,087	3,21,080	2,98,044	95 13	22,054	6 8
Tufangunj	1917-18	1,92,450	5,893	1,98,343	1,91,068	99 28	7,285	3 6
	1918-19	1,93,853	8,040	2,01,893	1,86,577	96 24	14,958	7 4
Mekligunj	1917-18	2,24,976	12,828	2,37,199	2,23,137	99 22	13,081	5 9
	1918-19	2,27,493	13,277	2,40,769	2,27,145	99 85	14,187	5 8
Mathabhanga	1917-18	4,10,139	8,622	4,18,811	4,07,264	99 29	11,942	2 8
	1918-19	4,10,580	11,956	4,22,536	4,02,080	97 91	20,414	4 8
Dimbata	1917-18	3,34,747	7,251	3,41,998	3,33,929	99 75	8,304	2 4
	1918-19	3,34,429	9,240	3,43,670	3,20,403	95 80	23,347	6 6
Total	1917-18	14,72,031	43,648	15,15,679	14,60,397	99 20	54,873	3 6
	1918-19	14,73,348	56,600	15,29,948	14,34,199	97 84	94,958	6 2

Excepting in Mekligunj the percentage of collection decreased in all other sub-divisions. There has been an increase in the balance from Rs. 54,873 in 1917-18 to Rs. 94,958 in the year under report

As shewn in the table in paragraph 3, the balance at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs 54,873, while that brought forward in the accounts for the year under report was Rs 56,600, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,727 which was due to re-settlement concluded with retrospective effect. Details are shewn in the following table :—

Details regarding balance shewn at the close of 1917-18.	1	Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1917-18 Rs. 54,873.	A.	Reduction of balance due to correction of jama of a time expired jote with retrospective effect	Rs. 179
			B.	Amount collected during 1918-19	*26,055
			C.	Ditto remitted during 1918-19	1,835
			Total		28,069
Details regarding balance entered in the Towji during 1918-19 owing to retrospective settlements.	2.	Balance at the close of 1918-19 Rs. 26,976.	D.	Deduction of excess collection on account of previous years	172
			Total		27,897
	3.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 2			
	4.	Amount of balance entered in the Towji for 1918-19 Rs. 1,906.	E.	Amount collected during 1918-19	1,000
			F.	Amount remitted during 1918-19	1,297
			Total		1,297
	5.	Balance at the close of 1918-19 Rs. 609			
	6.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 5.			Nil
	7.	Total balance shewn against heading 2 and 5			27,585
	8.	Total amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against headings 2 and 5			1,000

* Excess collection amounting to Rs 172 on account of previous years is to be deducted from the amount collected, to arrive at the actual figure of balance at the close of 1918-19.

As shown in the above table, the amount remitted out of the arrear demand was Rs. 1,835, which, together with Rs. 1,029 written off out of the current demand, made up a total of Rs. 2,864 or 18 per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 15,29,948. The remission was due to diluvion, acquisition of land for public purposes and other miscellaneous causes.

9. There was a decrease of 161 Jotes and the total number shewn on the revenue rolls was 25,597 against 25,758 of the previous year. 6,259 Jotes were advertised for sale for recovery of arrears of revenue, out of which 636 were actually sold, while the number of cases in which the sale was annulled was 125 only. The amount of penalties realised was Rs. 5,476, of which Rs. 1,313 was paid to the auction purchasers.

10. There were 1,391 cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act, of which 1,106 cases were disposed of and 285 cases remained pending. The recoveries amounted to Rs. 1,14,414.

11. *Canoongoes*.—The Budget provision under “Canoongoes and Establishment” for the year under report was reduced by Rs. 4,000 under Your Highness’ orders. To make the expenditure fall within the reduced allotment, the posts of four peons attached to the Canoongoes’ Offices and of two Khalasis under Amins were abolished with effect from the 1st of July 1918. Canoongoe Babu Rasik Chandra Gupta was placed in charge of the Canoongoe’s Office at Sudder and Dinhata to work for a month alternately in each of those two places. Similarly, Babu Suresh Chandra Das Gupta was made the Canoongoe of both Mathabhanga and Mekligunj. Babu Peary Lal De having retired from service, Amin Jiban Chandra Das was placed in charge of the Canoongoe’s Office at Tufangunj. Amin Giasuddin was transferred from Mekligunj and posted to Sudder as Assistant to the Canoongoe there. Assistant Canoongoe Babu Jyotish Chandra Das Gupta was placed on deputation to the Settlement Department. The other Canoongoes, as in previous years, continued to remain on deputation to the Settlement Department.

Together with 62 cases pending from the previous year the total number for enquiry by the Canoongoes during the year under report was 850 against 1,226 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 376 cases. Enquiries were completed in 672 cases and 31 cases were returned without enquiry. 147 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The number of cases enquired into, in each Sub-division, is shown below :—

			Total for enquiry.	Enquired into.	Returned without enquiry.
Sudder	...	..	278	192	16
Tufangunj	...	...	166	157	2
Mekligunj	...	...	132	118	...
Mathabhanga	...	...	130	117	...
Dinhata	...	...	144	38	13
Total	...	...	850	672	31

Besides the work shewn above, the Canoongoes visited a large number of Hâts and Ghats, enquired into the condition of the boundary pillars and assisted the Naib Ahilkars in various other matters.

12. *Revenue cases*.—The number of institutions during the year under report was 2,263. Together with 519 cases pending at the close of 1917-18,

the total number for disposal was 3,802, of which 3,161 were disposed of and 641 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The following table shows the distribution of work in the Sub-divisional Offices during the last two years:-

Name of Sub-division.	Year.			Total for disposal.	Disposed of.
Sudder	...	1917-18	...	918	770
		1918-19	...	981	759
Tufangunj	...	1917-18	...	993	908
		1918-19	...	771	650
Mekligunj	...	1917-18	...	516	435
		1918-19	...	526	461
Mathabhanga	...	1917-18	...	677	595
		1918-19	...	816	705
Dinbata	...	1917-18	...	591	505
		1918-19	...	708	586

13. *Cases in which the State is a party.*—Babu Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., worked as State Pleader throughout the year under report. The probate case filed by Sib Nath Bhattacharjee mentioned in the previous year's report was decided in the year under report by the Civil and Sessions Judge in favour of the State. By the decision the estate of one Kripamoyee Dasya of Dinkoba (Mathabhanga) of the approximate value of Rs 25,000 escheated to the State.

14. *Nezarat*—The following comparative table shows the work done by this department during the last two years:—

YEAR	Process served free of charge.	Process for realisation of arrears of revenue for which fees are realised afterwards	Process for which fees have been realised	Total number of process	Amount realised	Expenditure
1917-1918	5,777	2,153	2,445	16,375	8,748 8 0	6,616 1 3
1918-1919	4,268	2,123	8,642	15,033	8,802 10 0	6,357 2 3

The total number of processes came down from 16,375 in the previous year to 15,033 in the year under report. The number of processes for which fees were realised having increased, there was a small increase of Rs. 54-2 over the figure for the year 1917-18. The realisation exceeded the expenditure during the year by Rs. 2,445-7-9.

Babu Indra Kumar Bhattacharjee, Nazir, discharged the duties of the office satisfactorily.

15. *Communication Improvement cess*—The current demand during the year under notice was Rs. 1,940 against Rs. 1,939 of the year previous.

The arrears amounted to Rs. 55 against Rs. 75 of the year previous. The total demand was, therefore, Rs. 1,995 as against Rs. 2,014 in 1917-18. Rs. 1,932 was collected during the year against Rs. 2,001 of the year previous. The amount of excess collection or collection made against future demand was Rs. 40 against Rs. 42 of the year preceding. The collection made during the year fell short of the current demand by Rs. 8. There was a balance of Rs. 103 at the end of the year.

April	...	9 71
May	...	8 79
June	...	45 11
July	...	25 96
August	...	37 11
September	...	8 40
October	...	2 08
November	...	....
December	...	....
January	...	09
February	...	06
March	...	11
Total	...	189 37

16. *Crops and condition of the people.*—During the year under report the rainfall registered at the Sudder Station was 158.37 inches against 114.97 of the previous year. Details are given in the margin* showing how it was distributed over the year. The rainfall in the year was in excess of that in the year previous by 43.40 inches.

The cultivation of Bitti crop was all that could be desired on account of seasonable showers in April and May. But the whole of the crop could not be harvested owing to the heavy rainfall that followed and the outturn which promised to be a bumper one turned out to be 12 annas only.

For the jute crop the showers of April and May were not helpful, for they retarded the sowing operations. It was a late crop in the year under review. The excessive rainfall in June and July arrested the growth of the plants which did not attain their normal height. Steeping and washing also suffered to some extent, the rainfall in September and October being scanty. As the consequence of all these untoward conditions, jute yielded an outturn of 8 annas only. The prices ranged between Rs. 3 and Rs. 12 per maund.

17. The heavy rainfall recorded in July retarded the transplantation of Haimanti seedlings especially in low-lying lands. The showers in August and September, on the other hand, were not so large as to benefit the growth of the plants. An outturn of 13 annas was the result, and the prices fetched were between Rs. 3 and Rs. 5-10.

18. The cessation of rain in October and November proved beneficial to the growth of the tobacco crop. The slight showers in January and February did much good to the crop resulting in an outturn of full 16 annas. The price varied from Rs. 10 to Rs. 25. The outturn of mustard seeds in the Tufangunj Sub-division was also an average one.

19. Cholera prevailed in all the Sub-divisions and excepting Mathabhanga small-pox also raged everywhere. During the cold weather Influenza spread over the whole of Cooch Behar and exacted a heavy toll of mortality.

20. Owing to the abnormal rise in prices of imported articles, especially of those which are required for necessities of existence, the condition of the people did not improve.

Of the articles for which exorbitant rates were being charged in the local markets, wearing cloth was one. To enable the people to tide over the difficulty, Your Highness was graciously pleased to sanction advance of necessary funds from the Treasury for purchase of piece-goods from Calcutta for sale to the people direct under arrangements made from this office. Thus cloth was made available to the people at much cheaper rates than those prevailing in the local markets at the time. The distress of the people was thereby relieved to a certain extent.

21. *Emigration.*—The following table shews the details for each sub-division :—

				Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	...	...	...	7	...
Tufangunj	...	...	...	23	32
Mekligunj	...	...	...	62	28
Dinhata	...	...	...	6	2
Mathabhanga	...	...	...	46	115
			Total	...	144
					177

22. *Tour.*—I was away from Head-quarters for 178 days. I had to accompany Your Highness when going to Tufangunj on inspection. To attend Council meetings, I had also to proceed to Poona where Your Highness was staying at the time. Under orders of Your Highness, my presence was required in Calcutta on several occasions. Revenue Officer Babu Jagadballabh Biswas was also out on tour for 7 days.

The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar is shown in the following table:—

			Total No. of days.	No. of nights passed in the interior.
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal ...	SUDDER.	...	5	...
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhur ...	TUFANGUNJ.	...	88	27
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh ...	MEKLIGUNJ.	...	2	1
„ Uma Nath Dutt ...	...	...	75	31
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar ...	MATHABHANGA.	...	5	4
„ Rajani Kanta Phowmik ...	...	...	47	19
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sirkar	...	...	19	4
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhowmik ...	DINHATA.	...	5	...
Mr. S. Ghosh ...	...	...	41	4
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal ...	...	...	3	...
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi ...	...	...	6	...

23. *Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—There were 24 estates under the management of the Court of Wards at the close of 1917-18. During the year under report two small estates came under its management but none was released. The result was that the estates that remained under the management of the Court of Wards were 26 in number at the close of the year. The following table shews the results of management for the year under report compared with those for the previous year:—

	1917-18.	1918-19.
	Rs.	Rs.
The current demand was ...	1,07,288	1,11,782
And the arrear demand was ...	1,65,666	1,93,696
Consequently the total demand was ...	2,72,954	3,05,478
Collection out of current demand was ...	32,059	33,519
And out of arrear demand was ...	54,161	51,372
The total collection was therefore ...	86,220	83,891*
Balance ...	1,86,734	2,21,571
Remission ...	18	67
Total balance ...	1,86,716	2,21,504
Paid on account of revenue and rents due to superior landlords ...	60,448	45,528
Payment into the Fee Fund ...	11,857	10,635
Law charges ...	6,858	7,310
Cash in hand at the end of the year was ...	1,883	12,742
The Taufir collection was ...	43	27

* Includes an adjustment of excess payment of Rs. 43 received in the previous year and exclusive of the excess payment of Rs. 27 received in the year under report.

24. *Character of Officers.*—All the subordinate officers discharged their duties satisfactorily. The Head Clerk and Sheristadar Babu Mohim Chandra Mukherjee as also the whole of the staff gave me entire satisfaction by careful attention to their respective duties.

SECTION II.—SETTLEMENT.

The Settlement Department remained under my direct supervision and control during the year under report. Messrs I. B. De Majumder, A. Dutt and A. Ahmed continued to work as Assistant Settlement Officers in connection with the Cadastral Survey Operations.

25. The Kistwar and Khanapuri of the whole of the State was completed during the year 1917-18.

26. The Drawing and Area sections were under the charge of Mr. A. Dutt and the Khasra section was under the charge of the three

Assistant Settlement Officers. The tables given below show the work done in connection with the preparation of papers:—

(a) *Drawing Section.*

No. of Taluks and sheets of which the boundary has been checked and passed.	No. of Taluks ...	48	Thus the checking and passing of boundaries of all the Taluks of the State were finished.
No. of Taluks and sheets of which margins and boundaries have been compared and inked.	No. of sheets ...	146	
	No. of Taluks ...	48	
Touching up with numbers ...	No. of sheets ...	146	Thus the touching up with numbers of Perganahs Lal Bazar, Dinhat, Tufangunj & Mekligunj and half of Cooch Behar and Mathabunga was finished.
	No. of Taluks ...	233	
No. of sheets and Taluks in which Alamats have been put.	No. of sheets ...	487	
	No. of plots ...	4,06,855	Thus the touching up with numbers of Perganahs Lal Bazar, Dinhat, Tufangunj & Mekligunj and half of Cooch Behar and Mathabunga was finished.
Printing of heading adjoining Taluk names and North lines.	No. of Taluks ...	231	
	No. of sheets ...	485	
Sheets sent to Calcutta for reproduction.	No. of plots ...	3,67,296	Thus the touching up with numbers of Perganahs Lal Bazar, Dinhat, Tufangunj & Mekligunj and half of Cooch Behar and Mathabunga was finished.
	No. of Taluks ...	140	
	No. of sheets ...	309	
No. of sheets of which vandyked copies were received...	No. of sheets ...	1,202	
		841	

(b) *4" Reproduction work.*

No. of sheets and Taluks pentagraphed and checked	No. of Taluks ...	476
	No. of sheets ...	885
No. of sheets and Taluks inked up ...	No. of Taluks ...	398
	No. of sheets ...	786
No. of Taluks and sheets in which Alamats were put	No. of Taluks ...	370
	No. of sheets ...	742
No. of Taluks and sheets sent to Calcutta for jurisdiction map work.	No. of Taluks ...	317
	No. of sheets ...	638

(c) *Area Section.*

	No. of Taluks	No. of plots.	
Area extracted ...	220	3,60,884	These complete the work of Perganahs Dinhat, Lal Bazar, Mekligunj and Tufangunj except two Taluks of Tufangunj and River block of Mekligunj and half of Cooch Behar and Mathabunga.
Means and Badurs completed ...	230	3,59,673	
Totals completed 1st and 2nd Totals ...	230	3,59,487	
Offsets extracted 1st and 2nd offset ...	228	3,55,110	
Area passed ...	227	3,68,382	
Area converted into local units ...	225	3,65,788	

(d) *Khasra Section.*

Circle Number	Name of Circle Officer.	Name of Purganah.	No. of dags of which area has been entered.	No. of dags totalled.	No. of dags totalled according to classification.	No. of interests of which Ekwa has been prepared.	No. of interests of which Terijes have been prepared.	No. of copies of Terij prepared.	No. of interests of which Jamabandi has been made.	Preparation of register of invalid interests.
I.	I. B. Dey Majumdar.	Mekligunj	40,000	40,000	3,27,000	22,405	22,405	22,405	22,405	3,896
II.	A. Dutt	Lal Bazar and Dinhat.	4,56,970	4,94,226	5,12,352	50,225	54,898	1,61,694	18,000	15,558
III.	A. Ahmed	Tufangunj	3,10,588	3,10,588	3,10,588	31,202	31,202	98,106	3,000	9,000
		Total ...	8,07,558	8,44,814	11,49,940	1,04,232	1,03,505	2,90,205	43,405	22,554

27. The following table will shew the institution and disposal of cases in the Settlement Department:—

Circle No.	Name of Circle Officer.	No. of cases disposed of during the year.				No. of cases pending at the close of the year.			
		Automatic and disputed.	Mutation.	Settlement.	Miscellaneous.	Automatic and disputed.	Mutation.	Settlement.	Miscellaneous.
I.	Mr. I. B. De Majumdar ...	16	.....	30	180	53	.....	145	180
	Total ...	16	.....	30	180	53	.....	145	180
II.	Mr. A. Dutt ...	131	68	38	4	52	88	85	26
	Total ...	131	68	38	4	52	88	85	26
III.	Mr. A. Ahmed ...	.....	.....	74	39	.....	.....	31	20
	Total ...	.....	.....	74	39	.....	.....	31	20
	Grand Total ...	147	68	142	223	105	88	261	181

Many of the Settlement cases of Cooch Behar and Mathabhanga could not be done as the Janch work of these Perganahs was not taken up during the year under report.

28. The total expenditure incurred in connection with the settlement operations during the year under report was Rs. 1,25,649-9-1.

SECTION III.—EXCISE REVENUE.

29. The Excise Revenue from outstills came down from Rs. 86,508 in 1917-18 to Rs. 83,492 in the year of report. The Revenue from duty levied on consumption of Ganja showed also a decrease from Rs. 37,309 in 1917-18 to Rs. 36,711 in the year under report. There was also an appreciable falling off in the revenue from opium. It was Rs. 13,800 in the year under report as against Rs. 15,600 realised in the year previous. There was thus decrease under every head of Excise Revenue in the year under report. The current demand of Excise Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 1,74,440 against Rs. 1,81,052 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 6,612. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 13,610 the total demand was Rs. 1,88,050. The collection amounted to Rs. 1,71,238 out of the current demand and to Rs. 1,236 out of the arrear demand. The total collection was, therefore, Rs. 1,72,474. Details are shewn in the statement hereto appended. The total population of the State according to the last census of 1911 being 5,93,052, the incidence of Excise Revenue per head of population was 4 annas and 7-83 pies.

30. The table given below compares the collections in each Sub-divisional office during the last two years:—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1918-1919.			Total collections for 1918-1919.			Total collections for 1917-1918.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder ...	63,403	0	0	63,403	0	0	59,714	0	0
Tufangunj ...	22,191	0	0	21,317	0	0	23,680	0	0
Mekligunj ...	31,216	0	0	31,199	0	0	33,504	0	0
Mathabhanga ...	28,414	0	0	27,705	0	0	28,125	0	0
Dinhata ...	42,826	0	0	28,850	0	0	28,939	0	0
Total ...	1,88,050	0	0	1,72,474	0	0	1,73,912	0	0

31. Except at the Sudder, the collections decreased everywhere and the total decrease in collections was Rs. 1,448. This decrease in collections was due to lesser collection under almost every major head of Excise Revenue.

32. The variations under each head of Revenue are explained below :—

- (a) *Country Spirit*.—The current demand came down from Rs. 86,508 in 1917-18 to Rs. 83,492 in the year under report. But there was better collection with the result that an increase of Rs. 2,070 in collection was obtained during the year under report.
- (b) *Imported Spirit*.—The license fees amounted to Rs. 432 against Rs. 378 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 54. This was solely due to the increased rate of license fee realised from Messrs. D. Sorabji and Co. One more shop having been opened for importation of denatured spirit, there was a collection of Rs. 20 under this head against Rs. 15 of the year previous. There was a decrease in consumption from 916 bottles in 1917-18 to 505 in the year under review resulting in a decrease of collection from duty which was Rs. 189-6 as against Rs. 343-8 of the preceding year.
- (c) *Ganja*.—The total demand on account of license fees was Rs. 35,689. The amount collected was Rs. 34,064 against Rs. 35,636 of the previous year. The consumption amounted to 45 maunds, 35 seers and 4 chataks and it was less than that for the previous year by 31 seers and 4½ chataks. There was a corresponding decrease in collections on account of duty which fell off from Rs. 37,309-5 in 1917-18 to Rs. 36,705 in the year of report. The decrease in collection was dependent upon the decrease in consumption which was mainly attributable to the depression in trade caused by the War and to the consequent diminished paying capacity of the poorer classes.
- (d) *Opium*.—The consumption of opium amounted to 6 maunds and 36 seers and it was less than that for the previous year by 2 maunds and 34 seers. The collection from duty during the year consequently came down from Rs. 15,600 of the year previous to Rs. 13,800. There was also a decrease of Rs. 139 in the license fees which amounted to Rs. 3,773. The issue price of opium was raised from Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 per seer with effect from the beginning of the year under report. But still the Revenue decreased; reduction in consumption was much too large to allow any increased Revenue from increased selling price.
- (e) Three licenses were issued to vendors of fresh Tari during the year under report and Rs. 15 was realised on account of license fee.

33. There was only one case under the Excise Act which ended in conviction.

SECTION IV—TREASURY AND STAMP REVENUE.

34. The charge of the Treasury remained with Mr. S. Ghosh for the first 20 days of April, 1918. Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal held charge from the 21st to the 27th April 1918. From the 28th April 1918 to the end of the year Rai Chowdhuri Satish Chandra Mustafa was in charge.

35. The opening and closing balances of the Treasury for the year under report are shewn below :—

		Opening balance.		Closing balance.	
		Rs.		Rs.	
Cooch Behar State	4,98,392	...	3,88,855
Funds and Deposits..	2,84,535	...	2,42,465
Government of India	67,980	...	2,44,879
Total	8,00,907	...	8,76,199

36. The aforesaid closing balances of the Cooch Behar State and of the Funds and Deposits are subject to corrections necessitated by adjustments effected in the Accountant-General's Office.

37. The total receipts entered in the Treasury accounts amounted to Rs. 38,62,114 and the disbursements to Rs. 37,86,823 against Rs. 43,30,253 and Rs. 46,42,638 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 4,68,139 under receipts and of Rs. 8,55,815 under disbursements. Full details regarding these figures will be found in the Accountant-General's report.

38. The amount of currency notes received in the Treasury was Rs. 37,69,674 and that of notes issued was Rs. 33,12,324 against Rs. 23,90,933-8 and Rs. 24,96,601, respectively, for the previous year. There was thus an increase of Rs. 13,78,741 in receipts and of Rs. 8,15,723 in the issue. During the year under report the people suffered to an alarming extent on account of depletion of coins of every denomination from the country. The Reserve Treasury even could not supply them promptly as in previous years. There being thus dearth of coins, the transactions in currency notes heavily increased in the Treasury.

39. The total Stamp Revenue during the year under report amounted to Rs. 2,40,037-10 against Rs. 2,63,736-11 of the previous year shewing a decrease of Rs. 23,699-1. Commissions to stamp vendors amounting to Rs. 5,184-6-3 had to be paid out of the amount. The net revenue credited in the account was, therefore, Rs. 2,34,853-3-9. The receipts for the last two years are compared in the following table:—

Denomination of stamps.	Receipts.						Difference.				Remarks.	
	1918-19.			1917-18.			Increase.		Decrease.			
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.		A.
Judicial Stamps...	1,45,531	8	0	1,56,207	0	0	.....			10,675	8	
Documentary „ ...	36,858	8	0	46,273	0	0	.....			9,414	8	
Court-fee „ ...	45,362	12	0	48,900	0	0	.....			3,537	4	
Copying-fee „ ...	4,972	12	0	5,512	8	0	.....			589	12	
Adhesive „ ...	5,292	0	0	4,707	0	0	585	0	0	.....	
Cartridge paper ...	1,474	0	0	1,206	1	0	267	15	0	.....	
Miscellaneous	546	2	0	931	2	0	.....			385	0	
Total ...	2,40,037	10	0	2,63,736	11	0	852	15	0	24,552	0	Net decrease Rs. A. P. 23,699 1 0

40. Thus it will be seen that excepting Adhesive Stamps and Cartridge paper there were decreases in sale under every other denomination of stamps. The decrease of Rs. 10,675-8 under Judicial Stamps was chiefly attributable to the falling off in the sale of Settlement stamps. During the year under report the receipt on account of sale of Settlement stamps amounted to Rs. 6,375 only as against Rs. 15,180 realised in the year previous. This amount has been included under Judicial Stamps in the above table. Five-rupee Settlement stamps were introduced during the year under report to enable the verbally settled royts in the State to file applications in the required form for a record of their rights in the Settlement papers. The decreases under other heads were due to decrease in litigation during the year under report on account of impoverished condition of the people brought about by the Great European War. The net decrease from the figures for 1917-18 under sale of stamps was

Rs. 23,699. If the decrease due to sale of Settlement stamps which was (Rs. 15,180—Rs. 6,375) or Rs. 8,805 be taken into consideration, it will be found that the actual decrease due to ordinary causes was Rs. 14,894 only.

41. Deducting Rs. 6,375 on account of sale of Settlement stamps from the total Stamp Revenue amounting to Rs. 2,40,037-10, the receipts on account of ordinary stamps amounted to Rs. 2,33,662-10. The incidence of Stamp Revenue per head of population was thus 6-30 annas only, the population of the State as ascertained in the last Census in 1911 being 5,93,052.

SECTION V.—STATE CEREMONIAL AND DEBUTTER DEPARTMENT.

42. On the 15th April 1918, Your Highness was pleased to hold the Pooneah Durbar. An adjournment of the Conference of Indian Chiefs at Delhi having been announced by the Government of India, no such Conference could be held during the year under report as in previous years.

43. His Excellency The Right Hon'ble Frederick John Napier Thesiger, Baron Chelmsford, P. C., G. M. S. I., & C., Viceroy and Governor-General of India, was graciously pleased to come here for a shoot on the 20th of December 1918. After staying at the Takoamari Shooting Camp in Tufangunj Sub-division for 3 days, His Excellency returned to Cooch Behar at about dusk on the 23rd and left for Calcutta the same evening. All the public buildings as also the streets through which His Excellency passed, were decorated with flags and festoons and the town was illuminated.

44. His Highness Maharaja Sree Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, G. C. S. I., of Mysore accompanied by his personal staff was pleased to pay a friendly visit to Cooch Behar on the 13th February 1919 and stayed here for 3 days.

45. The anniversary of the demise of His Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G. C. I. E., C. B., and that of His Highness Maharaja Raj Rajendra Narayan were celebrated as in previous years with due solemnity on the 18th September and 1st September respectively. The residents of the town assembled in large numbers in front of the Samadhis where special prayers were offered.

46. A second son was born to Your Highness at Poona on the 6th of July 1918. The happy occasion was suitably celebrated and all Courts Offices, Schools and the Victoria College remained closed for four days. His Annaprasan ceremony was also celebrated on the 16th February 1919, and Your Highness with Her Highness the Maharanee and children left Cooch Behar for England on the 17th of February.

47. The amount disbursed by the Ceremonial Department on account of allowance to Rajgoms, Brahmins, poor students and others, donations and subscriptions to Charitable Institutions and cost of establishment was Rs. 73,744 against Rs. 83,870 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 10,126. This decrease was mainly due to the fact that the extra provision made in the Revised Budget for 1917-18 in connection with certain adjustments of expenditure relating to the Annaprasan Ceremony of Sree Sreeman Yuvaraja Bahadur had to be eliminated from the Budget of the year under report as the whole amount of the expenditure was provided for and spent in 1916-17 and 1917-18. Besides the above expenditure, subscriptions &c. amounting to Rs. 24,604 were paid direct from the Treasury.

48. In the Debutter Department, the total disbursements amounted to Rs. 38,266 against Rs. 37,415 of the previous year.

49. During the year under report, educational allowances were granted to 72 students, of whom 25 were natives of the State. Of the stipendiaries, one passed the Middle English, one Matriculation, three I. A., and I. Sc., one B. A. with Honours and one M. A. Examination.

50. The daily average number of patients attending the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary was 46.15 against 41.96 of the previous year. The Ayurvedic garden was maintained as before.

51. All the Pujas and periodical ceremonies were duly performed. The usual celebrations in connection with the Rash-Jatra festival were not allowed to be held during the year under report under Your Highness' orders owing to the prevalence of Influenza in an epidemic form in the interior and in the neighbouring British districts.

52. Three thousand one hundred and thirty-seven persons received food at the Anandamoyee Dharmasala. The Thakurbaries in the town of Cooch Behar fed 47,566 with a daily average of 130·31 persons.

53. *Benares*.—The Agent disbursed Rs. 12,601 against Rs. 12,203 of the previous year on account of allowances to persons residing at Benares, Thakurbaries and the maintenance of Chhatra as also the houses owned by Your Highness. The number of persons who received meals at the Chhatra were 38,818.

SECTION VI—MISCELLANEOUS.

54. *Bunders*.—At Haldibari the total number of carts of all sorts brought to the Bunder was 57,284 against 48,910 of the previous year showing an increase of 8,374 carts. The increases were noticeable under jute, bamboo and tobacco carts. The number of carts carrying gunny came down from 414 to 115 and those carrying molasses from 56 to 20. The increase in the total number of carts accounts for the increase in the collection of tolls which amounted to Rs. 7,170·12 against Rs. 6,122·3 of the previous year. The expenditure also came down to Rs. 1,237·9·9 as against Rs. 1,399·6·8 in 1917-18. The net gain to the State was, therefore, Rs. 5,933·2·3. It appears that there was marked improvement in the Calicagunj Bunder at Mathabhanga during the year under report. 15,213 maunds of jute and 51,759 maunds of tobacco were exported from the Bunder against 7,182 and 35,995 maunds respectively of the previous year.

55. *Fairs*.—The total collection of tolls at the Gadadhar, Fulbari and the Mekligunj Fairs amounted to Rs. 692 against Rs. 694 of the previous year. There was no collection for Rashmela during the year under report, as the *mela* was not allowed to be held under Your Highness' orders on account of prevalence of Influenza in the interior and in the contiguous British districts. The collection on account of Rashmela in the year previous amounted to Rs. 2,080. There were also fairs held at Dinhat and Haldibari as usual. But the collections made at these two fairs are allowed to be availed of by the Town Committees. There was a fair at the Garadhat Bunder on the occasion of the Dole-jatra festival and the income derived from it was Rs. 216.

56. *Cooch Behar Town*.—The current demand of land Revenue in the town came down from Rs. 28,235 to Rs. 26,600 in the year of report on account of the Rashjatra festival being stopped for the year on account of prevalence of Influenza in the country. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 1,468, the total demand was Rs. 28,068, out of which Rs. 26,667 was collected inclusive of an excess-payment of Rs. 123. Rs. 120 was written off and the balance thus left at the close of the year was Rs. 1,404.

I have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servant,

NARENDRA NATH SEN,

Dewan of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT NO. I.—Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mdl) for the year 1918-19.

Name of Mohals.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
Mohals permanent by settled or Mo- kharri Estates..	8,168 0 11	15 3 10	8,183 4 9	8,151 13 2	.....	8,151 13 2	.....	.....	.....	15 3 10	15 3 10	30 7 8	1 0 1	.....	1 1
Mohals not perma- nently settled ..	1,22,203 11 4	24,776 6 1	1,26,979 7 5	11,50,048 12 2	13,686 10 2	11,73,295 11 4	278 3 0	1,073 3 6	1,351 6 6	44,044 10 1	20,237 9 8	64,282 3 9	1,777 13 11	173 6 2	1,950 4 1
TOTAL ..	12,10,208 12 2	24,790 9 11	12,45,160 6 2	11,67,810 9 4	13,636 15 2	11,81,447 8 6	278 3 0	1,073 3 6	1,351 6 6	44,088 13 11	20,253 13 6	64,312 11 5	1,778 14 0	173 6 2	1,951 4 2
Syrat Mohals ..	1,47,269 6 8	19,736 2 0	1,47,085 8 8	1,27,338 13 10	12,372 9 6	1,35,711 7 3	750 0 0	738 12 0	1,508 12 0	19,370 14 0	9,664 12 7	29,325 10 7	90 5 2	.....	90 5 2
GRAND TOTAL ..	12,57,539 2 11	54,566 11 11	14,12,225 14 10	12,95,149 7 2	26,009 8 7	13,21,159 13 9	1,028 3 0	1,811 15 6	2,360 3 6	63,330 11 11	30,317 10 1	90,248 6 0	1,869 3 2	173 6 2	2,041 9 4

EXPLANATIONS.

(a.)—The current demand for the year was Rs. 12,57,539-2-11 against Rs. 13,54,159-11-8 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 9,235-13-10 and the decrease to Rs. 7,756-6-7. There was thus a net increase of Rs. 1,478-7-4. The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Increase due to re-settlement of relinquished jotes	37 13 9
Ditto due to re-settlement of Khas jotes	146 7 2
Ditto due to re-settlement of time-expired jotes	2,400 0 11
Ditto due to annual increment in the Tonji	2,350 10 11
Ditto due to re-adjustment of Juma held in abeyance	131 14 8
Ditto due to increase in assessment at frontage rate of some holdings in the town of Cooch Behar.	21 3 6
Ditto due to re-assessment of jotes of the town of Mothabhang	24 1 6
Ditto due to re-assessment of jotes of the town of Mothabhang	325 13 8
Ditto due to rectification of mistakes in the Tonji	0 2 2
Ditto due to rectification of mistakes in the Tonji	9 13 10
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mohals at reduced jumas	5,903 1 9
Total	9,235 13 10
Deduct total decrease	7,756 6 7
Net Increase	1,479 7 3

(b.)—Total balance shown at the close of the previous year

Arrears brought forward in this statement

Increase mainly due to settlement with retrospective effect

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to arrive at the balance correctly.

(d.) Vide Council Office No. 799 dated 8-11-19.

DECREASE.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Decrease due to relinquishment of Jotes	558 15 6
Jotes declared Khas under section 19 of the Revenue Sales Act	299 11 2
Ditto	40 12 2
Ditto	11 13 6
rectification o mistakes in the Tonji	108 14 10
divulion	28 3 2
Cancellation of lease of bad jotes	88 3 2
Decrease in the frontage rate of some holdings in the town of Cooch Behar	47 15 9
Decrease in the frontage rate of some holdings in the town of Mothabhang	6,903 9 6
re-settlement of Syrat Mohals at reduced jumas	7,756 6 7
TOTAL	7,756 6 7

NARENDRA NATH SEN,
Devan of Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—Statement, of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1918-1919.

NAME OF MEHAL.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Rs. A. P.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Rs. A. P.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Rs. A. P.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Rs. A. P.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Rs. A. P.	TOTAL.
Excess permanently settled or Moharri Mehals.	39 15 4	.....	39 15 4	32 15 4	.....	32 15 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Excess not permanently settled ..	10,970 0 8	1,989 7 11	1,06,949 8 2	1,03,759 6 5	618 8	81,04,377 10 1	.....	.....	.....	3,530 6 8	671 4 3	4,201 10 11	19 13 10	.....	19 13 10
TOTAL ..	1,07,309 15 7	1,989 7 11	1,06,949 8 2	1,03,759 6 5	618 8	81,04,410 9 6	.....	.....	.....	3,530 6 8	671 4 3	4,201 10 11	19 12 10	.....	19 12 10
Syrat mehals ..	8,403 0 0	723 13 0	9,122 12 0	7,906 8 0	723 12 0	8,629 4 0	.....	.....	.....	515 8 0	.....	515 8 0	12 0 0	.....	12 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,15,711 15 7	2,693 3 11	1,17,725 3 6	1,11,697 5 9	1,341 15	81,13,030 13 5	.....	.....	.....	4,045 14 8	671 4 3	4,717 2 11	31 12 10	.....	31 12 10

EXPLANATIONS:

(a)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,15,711-15-7 against Rs. 1,16,871-2-6 showing a decrease of Rs. 1,159-3-11 which is attributable to the decreased Jumma obtained by the re-settlement of Syrat Mehals. The details are given below:—

INCREASE.

Excess due to re-settlement of relinquished jots	Rs. A. P.	23 13 11
Ditto settlement of Khaj lands	..	0 12 4
Ditto Bakam Charcha Settlement	..	8 1 6
Ditto Rectification of mistakes in the Tugh	..	0 0 4
Ditto settlement of Syrat Mehals at favourable jumma	..	48 0 0
Total	..	90 12 1

Decrease due to settlement of Syrat Mehals at reduced jumma

Total	Rs. A. P.	250 0 0
Deduct increase	..	90 12 1
Net decrease	..	159 3 11

DECREASE.

(2)—Total collections include excess payment which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

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REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue for the year 1918-19.

EXCISEABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			BALANCES.		
	Current.		Total.	Current.		Total.	Remissions.		Total.
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.	
Tax of Out-still shops of country spirit	83,492	5 6	12,703 14 0	96,196	3 6	81,824 5 6	521	0 0	82,345 5 6
Do. of fresh Tari...	15	0 0	.....	15	0 0	15 0 0	.....	.....	.....
License-fee of imported liquor shops	432	0 0	.....	432	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto denatured spirit shops	20	0 0	.....	20	0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Ganja	36,710	10 0	10 10 0	36,721	4 0	36,694 6 0	10	10 0	36,705 0 0
License-fee of Ganja shops	34,792	12 3	896 0 0	35,688	12 3	33,358 12 3	705	0 0	34,063 12 3
Ditto of Opium	3,856	14 3	.....	3,856	14 3	3,772 14 3	.....	.....	84 0 0
Duty on Opium	13,800	0 0	.....	13,800	0 0	13,800 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Duty on imported spirit	189	6 0	.....	189	6 0	189 6 0	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections	1,130	12 3	.....	4,130	12 3	1,130 12 3	.....	.....	.....
Total	1,74,439	12 3	13,610 8 0	1,88,050	4 3	1,71,237 8 3	1,236	10 3	1,72,474 2 3
							3,202	4 0 12,378 14 0,15,576 2 0

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FROM

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Dewan of the State, in the Civil Department,
Cooch Behar.

To

THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,
 COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 28th August 1919.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the State for the year 1918-19, together with the Annual Statements Nos. I to XI.

The following table shows the names of the officers who held charge of the different Subordinate Judicial posts during the year under review:—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Term of employment.
Sudder ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 1st to 22nd April 1918.
Do. ...	Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 24th April 1918 to 11th January, 1919.
Do. ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Assistant Civil Judge.	From 14th January to 22nd February 1919.
Do. ...	Babu Nogendra Prosad Ray, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 23rd February to 31st March 1919.
Do. ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April to 31st December 1918.
Tufangunj ...	Babu Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 28th April 1918.
Do. ...	Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 29th April 1918 to 31st March 1919.
Duhata ...	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 24th April 1918.
Do. ...	Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Naib Ahilkar	From 25th April to 31st December 1918.
Do. ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st January 1919 to 31st March 1919.
Do. ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 18th April 1918.
Do. ..	Babu Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 26th February to 31st March 1919.
Mathabhanga	Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 25th April 1918.
Do. ...	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 26th April 1918 to 31st March 1919.
Do. ...	Maulavi Bazlay Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 26th April 1918 to 31st March 1919.
Mekligunj ...	Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 23rd April 1918.
Do. ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	From 24th April 1918 to 31st March 1919.

Institution of original suits.

3. The number of original suits instituted during the last four years is shewn below :—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits.	Total.
1915-16	1,837	5,535	2,327	9,719
1916-17	2,061	5,864	2,318	9,743
1917-18	1,782	5,147	2,047	8,976
1918-19	1,679	5,341	1,817	8,847

It will appear from the above table that the number of institutions during the year under report was 8,847 against 8,976 of the preceding year showing a decrease of 129 suits. The decrease being nominal no remark seems necessary.

It will, however, be seen that the number of institutions declined steadily commencing from 1915-16, the year following the declaration of the War. The prices of all sorts of articles rose and the pinch was felt more and more as time wore on and the difficulties of the people reached the highest point in the year under review.

4. The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institution of suits in each of the several courts in the State :—

Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge ... ..	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge ... ..	.....	8	114	.....	.....	87
Sudder Naib Ahilkar ... ..	.....	4	.....	11	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ... ..	.....	106	.....	105	.....	46
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	9	.....	111	.....	.....	38
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ... ..	.....	4	.....	16	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ... ..	.....	15	120	.....	.....	24
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	10	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	12	.....	.....	14	.....	35
Total	31	184	850	146	.....	280

Civil suits increased in the courts of the Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata, Additional Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga and Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj by 9, 10 and 12 suits respectively; and decreased in the courts of the Civil Judge, Assistant Civil Judge, Sudder Naib Ahilkar, Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj, Additional Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata and Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga by 2, 3, 4, 106, 4 and 15 suits respectively.

Rent suits increased in the courts of the Assistant Civil Judge, Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata, Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga and Additional Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga by 114, 111, 120 and 5 suits respectively, and decreased in the courts of the Sudder Naib Ahilkar, Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj, Additional Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata and Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj by 11, 105, 16 and 14 suits respectively.

Small Cause Court suits decreased in the courts of the Assistant Civil Judge, Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj, Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata, Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga and Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj by 87, 46, 38, 24 and 35 suits respectively.

5. The Statement No. 2 shows that out of a total of 8,847 institutions, 2,980 were suits on bonds and other obligations, 5,351 were rent suits, 508 for land and other immoveable property and 8 relating to matrimonial rights.

6. The number of applications filed for execution of decrees during the last four years is shown in the table given below:—

YEARS.		Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1915-1916	...	1,539	3,038	1,241	5,818
1916-1917	...	1,694	3,296	1,343	6,333
1917-1918	...	1,716	2,996	1,233	5,945
1918-1919	...	1,607	3,661	1,121	6,389

The number of applications filed during the year under report was 6,389 against 5,945 of the preceding year showing an increase of 444 applications.

It will appear that while the number of institutions of suits decreased, the number of applications for the execution of decrees went up. This seems to be due to the generally impoverished condition of the people on account of the high prices of all the necessities of life which are mainly attributable to the War. While people fight shy of litigation for fear of the expenses of law suits they are eager to realise the monies for which decrees have been passed.

7. The number of Miscellaneous Cases instituted during the last two years is shown below:—

			Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
			1917-18	1918-19.	1917-18	1918-19.
Civil	..	...	476	414	14	11
Rent	...	...	487	686	84	48
Small Cause Court	...	...	63	94	.....	.....
Total ...			1,026	1,194	98	59

8. The number of applications for Certificates of Guardianship under Act VI of 1897 was 50 against 76 of the previous year showing a decrease of 26 applications and the number of applications for Succession Certificates under Act V of 1898 was 51 against 64 of the previous year showing a decrease of 13 applications.

9. The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 10 against 19 of the preceding year showing a decrease of 9 applications.

10. According to the number of institutions of original suits, the Subordinate Courts rank thus:—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	...	...	2,435
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	...	...	2,190
(3.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	...	2,006
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	...	...	1,292
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	...	...	815

Disposal of suits.

11. The disposal of original suits in the State during the last 4 years is shewn in the statement given below :—

YEARS.			Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court	Total
1915-1916	...	...	1,699	5,508	2,350	9,752
1916-1917	...	...	2,025	5,388	2,306	9,717
1917-1918	...	...	1,877	5,184	1,948	9,004
1918-1919	..	...	1,629	5,255	1,998	8,877

The total number of original suits disposed of was 8,877 against 9,004 of the preceding year showing a decrease of 127 suits.

Rank of Courts according to disposal.

12. According to disposal the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	...	...	...	1,984
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	...	...	...	1,856
(3.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	...	...	...	1,275
(4.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	...	...	1,247
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	...	...	957
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	...	...	...	889
(7.) Sudder Naib Ahilkar	...	...	...	383

Contest.

13. The following table compares the disposal of contested original suits in the State during the last four

years :—

Years.			Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court	Total.
1915-1916	...	...	400	406	271	1,077
1916-1917	...	...	342	321	192	955
1917-1918	...	...	411	305	271	917
1918-1919	...	...	239	221	159	619

The total number of contested suits decided was 619 being a little less than one-fourteenth of the entire number of disposals.

The abnormal decrease in the number of contested suits which has been steady during the last 4 years is an index to the growing financial difficulties under which the people laboured during this period on account of the decline in trade on the one hand and the abnormal rise in the prices of all the necessaries of life on the other.

With regard to the disposal of contested suits the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	...	...	...	...	142
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	...	...	...	...	116
(3.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	...	...	...	...	102
(4.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	...	...	...	75
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	...	...	...	73
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	...	...	...	...	64
(7.) Sudder Naib Ahilkar	...	...	...	...	29

Average duration of suits.

14. The table given below shows the average duration of suits in the Subordinate Courts:—

Names of Courts.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge ...	5 2	1 18	4 2	1 5	.....	.....
Sudder Naib Ahilkar ...	5 20	1 12	3 29	1 0	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	4 3	1 9	8 25	1 7	0 28	0 25
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	8 15	2 11	4 11	1 27	1 22	2 11
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	5 0	1 12	8 20	1 5	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	4 26	4 0	2 16	2 14	2 6	1 26
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	4 3	2 25	3 5	1 18	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	3 22	1 26	3 5	0 28	1 27	0 29

The duration was the longest in the Court of the Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata and the shortest in that of the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj.

15. Out of the total number of original suits disposed of 1,519 or a little more than one-sixth were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20; 3,010 or a little more than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50; 2,433 or a little less than one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100; 1,917 or a little more than one-fifth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 91 were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000; 29 were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000. There was only one suit exceeding Rs. 5,000 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000.

16. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 963 against 993 of the previous year showing a decrease of 30 suits. Of the number pending, 36 were over 6 months old and 3 over a year.

17. The Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj tried Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 100 and the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj up to Rs. 20 in value adopting the procedure laid down in the Small Cause Courts Act.

18. The statement given below shows the disposal of Execution Cases during the last 4 years:—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1915-1916 ...	1,539	3,033	1,241	5,813
1916-1917 ...	1,713	3,239	1,352	6,304
1917-1918 ...	1,680	2,984	1,217	5,881
1918-1919 ...	1,581	3,372	1,118	6,071

The total number of Execution cases disposed of was 6,071 against 5,881 of the preceding year showing an increase of 190 cases. The increase being nominal needs no explanation.

Disposal of Miscellaneous cases.

19. The table given below shows the disposal of Miscellaneous cases during the year under report :—

			Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
			1917-18.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1918-19.
Civil ..	...	...	480	407	14	11
Rent ...	...	...	480	666	84	41
Small Cause Court ...	...	...	78	97	...	...
Total	...	...	1,038	1,170	98	52

20. One hundred and thirty-four cases were for local inquiry by the Civil Court Amin during the year against 145 of the preceding year. 113 cases were inquired into against 122 and 21 cases remained pending against 23 of the previous year. The amount of Amin's fees realised was Rs. 723 against 1,107 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 384 only.

Work of the Civil Judge's Court.

21. The Statement given below shows the work of the Civil Judge's Court on the Civil side during the last three years :—

YEARS.		ORIGINAL SUITS.				EXECUTION CASES.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.			
		Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1916-1917 ...	...	20	31	31	20	18	35	35	18	83	149	149	27
1917-1918 ...	...	20	37	53	4	18	44	35	27	27	178	176	29
1918-1919 ...	...	4	35	30	9	27	47	46	28	29	118	128	19

Nine Original suits, 23 Execution cases and 19 Miscellaneous cases remained undisposed of at the close of the year.

22. The following table shows the total of Regular and Miscellaneous Appeals preferred in the Civil Judge's Court during the last three years :—

Appeals

1916-17 ...	...	...	...	92
1917-18 ...	...	...	...	95
1918-19 ...	...	...	...	86

The number of Appeals filed during the year was 86 against 95 of the previous year showing a decrease of 9 appeals.

(a) The results of appeals for the last three years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1916-1917 ...	224	60	28	17	88	81
1917-1918 ...	176	83	30	16	21	26
1918-1919 ...	112	49	21	1	18	28

There were 112 appeals for disposal including those which remained pending at the end of the previous year. Of these, 84 were disposed of and 28 remained pending at the close of the year.

(b) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial Officers :—

Names of Judicial Officers.	DETAILS OF DISPOSAL.						Total disposed of.	Remarks.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.		
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L. ...	1	1	...	...	1	1	4	
Mr. S Ghosh, B.A. ...	3	3	...	1	...	...	7	
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L.	8	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Raj Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi.	1	1	...	1	...	...	3	
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L.	6	3	...	1	...	...	10	
„ Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L...	4	...	...	...	...	1	5	
„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L.	11	3	...	1	...	...	15	
„ Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L.	4	3	1	1	1	...	10	
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar B.L.	9	4	...	3	...	...	16	
Maulavi Bazlay Rahaman Sarkar, B.L.	7	3	...	1	...	...	11	
Total	49	21	1	9	2	2	84	

Finance. 23. The receipts and disbursements are shown under the several heads :—

RECEIPTS.

I. *Stamp duty.*—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years :—

					Rs.
1915-1916 ...	...	...	...	...	1,15,948
1916-1917 ...	...	...	...	...	1,20,693
1917-1918 ...	...	...	...	...	1,19,845
1918-1919 ...	...	...	...	...	1,13,298

The decrease of Rs. 6,547 was mainly attributable to decrease in the number of institutions.

II. *Process fees.*—The amount of process fees &c. realised during the year was Rs. 30,468 against Rs. 30,972 showing a decrease of Rs. 504. The decrease was due to decrease in the institution of suits.

III. *Fines and Forfeitures.*—The amount realised during the year was Rs. 563 against Rs. 709 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 146 only.

IV. *Ameen's fees*.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years :—

					Rs.
1915-1916	...	...	...	...	1,050
1916-1917	...	...	...	...	891
1917-1918	...	...	...	...	2,139
1918-1919	...	...	...	...	723

The decrease was due to decrease in the number of cases for local inquiry.

V. *Other receipts including Copying fees*.—These amounted to Rs. 4,916 against Rs. 5,476 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 560.

The total receipts under the above heads were Rs. 1,49,967 against Rs. 1,59,141 of the preceding year showing a decrease of Rs. 9,174.

DISBURSEMENTS.

I. *Salary*.—The salary of Judicial officers amounted to Rs. 15,665 against Rs. 14,706 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 959. The increase was due to increase in the pay of officers.

II. *Establishment charges*.—The establishment charges amounted to Rs. 17,277 against Rs. 17,093 showing an increase of Rs. 184.

III. *Process service*.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 10,198 against Rs. 10,357 showing a decrease of Rs. 159.

IV. *Contingencies*.—Contingencies amounted to Rs. 6,184 against Rs. 5,590 showing an increase of Rs. 594.

V. *Ameen's Establishment*.—The cost under this head amounted to Rs. 1,080 against the same amount of the previous year.

VI. *Unforeseen*.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 500 against Rs. 148 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 352.

The total amount of expenditure was Rs. 50,902 against Rs. 49,274 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,628.

The net receipts of the Civil Department amounted to Rs. 99,064 against Rs. 1,09,867 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 10,803.

24. The total amount of Copying fees realised during the year was Rs. 4,163-14 against Rs. 4,803-2 showing a decrease of Rs. 639-4. Out of the total receipts, Rs. 1,918-8 was credited to the State and the balance Rs. 2,246-6 was distributed among the Copyists.

The following table shows the number of Copyists employed in each court with their respective monthly incomes :—

Names of Courts.			No. of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.			Remarks.
					Rs.	A.	P.	
Sudder	...	...	4	1	21	6	4	
Tufangunj	...	...	1	.....	11	7	6	
Dinhata	...	...	2	1	15	4	11	
Mathabhanga	...	...	2	1	18	14	9	
Mekligunj	...	...	2	.....	10	13	10	

Records.

25. During the year under report records of 3,514 cases were received in the Sudder Record Room as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.	Remarks.
Civil Judge ...	270	24	294	Civil original suits—24 records from 30th May 1914 to 28th March 1915. Civil appeals—104 records from 4th Dec 1913 to 31st March 1915. Civil miscellaneous—142 records from 20th April 1914 to 31st March 1915. Rent appeals—23 from 10th July 1914 to 31st March 1915. Rent original—1 record for 4th March 1915.
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	345	864	1,209	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga. ...	608	1,403	2,011	From April to March 1917.
Total ...	1,223	2,291	3,514	

No records were received from the Assistant Civil Judge and the Subdivisions of Dinbata, Mekligunj and Tufangunj.

The inadequacy of accommodation in the Sudder Record Room is keenly felt and some arrangement is required to be made before long to keep the records in order.

The following records were destroyed during the year under report :—

		<i>Naib Ahilkar's Court.</i>
Mathabhanga ...	{	B Files of Civil and Rent original and of Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1913.
		<i>Naib Ahilkar's Court.</i>
Dinhata ...	{	B Files of Civil & Rent original suits and of Execution cases from January to December 1913.
		<i>Additional Naib Ahilkar's Court.</i>
	{	B Files of Civil and Rent original suits and of Execution cases and 6 Miscellaneous suits from January to December 1913.
		<i>Naib Ahilkar's Court.</i>
Mekligunj ...	{	B Files of Civil and Rent original suits and of Miscellaneous and Execution cases from April 1911 to March 1913.

26. All the Subordinate Judicial Officers as well as the Subordinate staff worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,

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Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles	Population.
Sudder Sub-division ...	Kotwali Station ...	284	1,30,602
Tufangunj ditto ...	Fulbari ditto ...	223	80,147
Dinhata ditto ...	Dinhata ditto ...	269	1,48,540
Mathabhanga ditto ..	Mathabhanga Station Sitalkhuchi, I. O. P. }	334	1,42,704
Mekligunj ditto ..	Mekligunj Station...	197	91,079
	Total ...	1,307	5,93,090

(B)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

CIVIL		RENT		Total.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate	Original	
1	14	1	9	25

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil and Rent Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1913-1919.

COURTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.												TOTAL.							
	Stamps (1)		Process fees. (2)		Fines and Forfeitures.		Ammeen's fees.		Other receipts (3)		TOTAL.		Salary of Judicial officers.		Re-establishment.		Process serving.			Contingent. (4)		Ammeen's Re-establishment.		Unforeseen.		
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	
Civil Judge's Court	11,806	12 6	1,300	0 0	.....	.....	0 0	1,815	11 0	14,961	7 6	7,150	0 0	5,294	14 3	6,372	11 6	4,407	6 2	1,080	0 0	500	0 0	24,904	15 11	
Under Subordinate Courts	25,110	12 6	7,290	0 0	170	12 0	270	0 0	.....	32,841	8 6	3,299	5 3	3,293	14 4	.....	.....	143	6 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,726	11 6	
Toofangunj Court	9,287	7 6	3,059	4 0	133	4 0	144	0 0	290	5 0	12,894	4 6	450	0 0	1,671	14 3	783	11 6	212	13 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,318	7 6
Dinabata	21,396	0 0	6,928	12 0	117	9 9	45	0 0	735	9 6	32,162	15 3	1,616	11 8	2,588	15 6	1,027	3 7	455	10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,756	8 9
Mathabhanga	26,182	8 0	6,938	12 0	141	2 0	117	0 0	1,381	5 4	34,760	11 4	2,007	12 8	2,669	7 9	1,035	2 8	592	14 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,365	5 10
Mekligunj	16,594	1 6	4,951	4 0	.....	.....	105	0 0	692	13 1	22,313	2 7	940	10 8	1,759	11 8	849	1 5	371	5 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,980	13 4
Total	1,19,297	10 0	30,463	0 0	682	11 9	723	0 0	4,915	11 11	1,49,967	1 8	15,664	8 3	17,276	13 9	10,197	14 8	6,183	9 2	1,080	0 0	500	0 0	50,902	13 10

(1) This includes searching fees and fees for information.

(2) This includes sale fees.

(3) This includes witnesses' diet-money, copying fee, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c., &c.

(4) This includes remuneration to copyists, travelling and Ticea Mohurers' pay &c., &c.

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Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1918-19.

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CIVIL STATEMENT NO. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

CIVIL COURTS.										CONTESTED.			AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.							
Pending from the last year.	Insisted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration or otherwise.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromise.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Unissued ex parte.	Referred to arbitration.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Contested.	Uncontested.
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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 4.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

VALUE OF SUITS.	CIVIL SUITS.							RENT SUITS.							SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO RS. 100.								
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge	Sudder Naid Abulkar.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhangra.	Mekligunj.	TOTAL.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge	Sudder Naid Abulkar.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhangra.	Mekligunj.	TOTAL.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhangra.	Mekligunj.	TOTAL.	Grand Total.
Not exceeding Rs. 5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	7	3	4	37	5	16	72	3	2	1	3	...	9	82
Ditto "	...	19	4	14	6	17	3	63	...	182	71	44	315	164	132	958	152	77	77	146	46	498	1,519
Ditto "	...	22	11	139	20	28	11	231	...	398	171	121	479	358	263	1,781	242	189	189	275	103	998	3,010
Ditto , 100	...	29	4	128	39	53	19	272	...	307	81	111	349	400	220	1,468	195	166	16	221	95	693	2,483
Ditto "	...	238	15	119	265	197	144	978	...	157	23	129	159	312	159	939	...	...	...	...	...	1,917	1,917
Ditto "	...	39	...	...	5	5	7	56	...	3	...	1	4	20	7	35	...	...	...	...	...	91	91
Ditto "	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	29	29
Ditto "	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Ditto "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exceeding " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	28	347	34	400	836	300	184	1,629	2	1,045	349	410	1,843	1,259	847	5,255	592	434	283	645	244	2,198	9,082

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

COURTS	APPLICATION TO EXECUTE DECREES.				APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		NATURE AND NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH COERCIVE PROCESS ISSUED.							APPLICATION FOR INSOLVENCY			
	Pending at the beginning of year.	Fnl.	Released by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.	Possession.	Against the person.				Orders under Section 348 Code of Civil Procedure.	Allowed.	Disallowed.
													Arrest.	Imprisonment.	Attached.	Sold.			
<i>Civil.</i>																			
Judge, Cooch Behar	27	44	...	71	39	7	45	..	5	5	26	13	1	...	4	...	17	17	1
at Civil Judge, ditto	72	351	12	417	141	180	326	..	21	1	121	65	30	1	122	17	61	83	...
Naib Ahlikar, Cooch Behar	14	26	...	40	11	11	24	12	...	...	...	...	3	...	10	3	7	9	...
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	29	312	...	312	101	21	316	...	...	...	53	15	21	...	221	18	35	21	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	71	378	34	483	162	21	373	...	10	1	111	2	22	...	197	14	91	110	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	19	21	...	40	...	...	1	34	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	28	180	...	218	66	113	179	...	...	1	29	27	21	2	15	9	85	38	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	34	131	...	164	58	80	133	...	...	...	3	38	14	...	63	10	41	84	2
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	56	149	...	205	102	73	175	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	380	1,607	47	2,334	692	839	1,591	46	38	8	407	157	118	3	635	71	313	363	2
<i>Rent.</i>																			
Judge, Cooch Behar	...	3	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
at Civil Judge, ditto	156	820	88	1,064	532	161	693	...	32	...	371	31	9	1	121	21	614	611	...
Naib Ahlikar	75	198	...	273	141	44	185	83	...	...	...	6	2	...	22	...	182	135	...
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	55	321	...	376	251	63	344	1	...	...	61	29	2	...	19	3	321	96	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	102	924	100	1,126	612	257	869	...	15	3	257	6	10	...	217	8	655	332	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	95	23	...	118	12	3	15	10	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	39	291	...	399	191	82	272	...	...	...	57	1	15	...	133	5	781	258	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	111	494	...	505	314	115	459	...	1	...	136	...	...	...	251	6	400	111	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	51	588	...	639	347	217	564	...	1	...	75	77	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	674	3,661	185	4,523	2,430	912	3,372	189	49	3	932	132	45	1	769	43	2,939	1,577	...
<i>All Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.</i>																			
Judge, Cooch Behar	35	477	...	412	71	327	393	...	...	...	44	...	103	4	242	21	...	...	...
at Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	2	21	...	26	4	18	22	...	...	...	4	...	9	...	16	2	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	21	314	...	335	41	213	274	...	...	...	61	...	11	...	235	11	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	68	249	...	317	201	21	291	...	...	...	26	...	41	...	195	8	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	11	127	...	138	22	111	131	...	...	...	5	...	8	1	81	8	...	...	...
Total	137	1,121	...	1,258	168	951	1,118	...	...	...	141	...	175	6	772	53	...	...	...
Grand total	1,191	6,389	235	7,815	3,290	2,781	6,71	235	87	11	1,500	399	338	10	2,177	167	3,302	1,943	1

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Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

COURTS.	DISPOSED OF.				PENDING.			AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.			REMARKS.			
	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	Contested.	Uncontested.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	More than six months.	More than 12 months.		Total pending.	Contested.	Uncontested.
Civil.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	29	118	...	147	21	107	128	...	...	...	19	2	8	0
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	12	58	...	70	12	38	50	...	...	...	20	3	7	1
Naib Ahlikar, Sudder	...	2	...	2	1	...	2	...	4	...	...	1	11	1
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	8	46	...	54	22	24	46	...	...	...	8	3	27	1
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	9	56	2	67	10	44	54	...	...	...	13	3	24	2
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	3	1	...	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	14	15	...	29	6	16	22	5	...	...	2	6	8	1
Adit on Naib Ahlikar, do.	...	48	5	53	33	37	37	...	...	...	16	2	26	2
Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj	11	71	...	82	21	46	67	...	...	...	15	3	22	1
Total	86	415	7	608	97	311	408	7	4	...	93	...	...	...
Rent.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	6	108	15	129	14	98	112	...	...	...	17	2	29	1
Sudder Naib Ahlikar	5	44	...	49	3	31	34	15	...	...	...	3	2	1
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	5	88	...	93	12	74	86	...	...	...	7	2	7	0
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	2	148	9	159	12	121	133	...	1	...	26	3	25	1
Adit. Naib Ahlikar, do.	10	8	...	18	...	6	6	9	...	...	3	...	...	2
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	21	62	...	86	5	53	58	21	...	...	7	2	20	1
Adit Naib Ahlikar do.	...	100	21	121	16	101	107	...	...	...	14	3	2	1
Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj	15	128	...	143	15	115	139	...	...	...	13	3	5	28
Total	67	636	45	738	67	599	666	45	4	...	87	...	...	...
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.														
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	2	18	...	20	7	12	19	...	...	...	1	1	5	0
Ditto, Dinbata	...	2	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ditto, Mathabhang	2	33	...	35	2	33	35	...	...	...	...	4	7	1
Ditto, Mekligunj	2	30	...	32	1	31	31	1	1	19	1
Total	6	94	...	100	19	87	97	3	27
GRAND TOTAL	159	1,195	52	1,406	174	997	1,171	52	8	...	183

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending at the beginning of year.	Received by Institution.	Total.	DISPOSED OF.					Total dis- posed of.	Pending months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Sec- tion 561 of Act XIV allowed. months. of 1922	REMARKS.
				Transfer- red.	Dismissed for default.	Compro- mised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.				
Civil Side	...	19 48	67	.....	2	2	1	10	33	4	52	15	.....
Ditto, Miscellaneous	...	2 7	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	6	3	.....
Total	...	21 55	76	.....	2	2	1	13	36	4	58	18	.....
Rent	...	4 23	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	13	5	23	6	.....
Ditto, Miscellaneous	...	1 6	7	3	3	4
Total	...	5 31	36	8	13	5	26	10
Grand Total	...	26 86	112	2	2	1	21	49	9	84	28

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 8.

Statement showing the nature of Miscellaneous cases instituted and disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

NATURE OF CASE.	CIVIL.										RENT.										SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO Rs. 100.										REMARKS.										
	Assistant Sudder Civil Judge, Aitahar.					Toofan-ganj.					Dinabata, Maibha, bhanga, gunj.					Total.					Assistant Sudder Civil Judge, Aitahar.					Toofan-ganj.						Dinabata, Maibha, bhanga, gunj.					Total.				
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Total.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Total.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Total.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Total.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Total.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Total.		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Total.							
1. Application to receive and review satta.	2	5	9	10	1	17	18	23	23	45	37	33	130	127	1	21	26	19	15	61	33	75	67	43	42	235	219	9	1	1	23	31	29	11	10	79	80				
2. Claims and objections	2	4	20	11	..	12	13	14	16	3	6	8	10	59	60	3	2	..	1	1	1	9	10	2	1	16	14	8	9	..	3	3	1	2	..	13	11				
3. Resistance of Judicial process.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Pauper applications	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Suits under Act VI of 1897	50	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Suits under Act V of 1898	51	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Probate cases.	10	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other miscellaneous suits	3	6	26	27	1	1	17	20	17	15	16	30	24	111	106	87	19	15	72	71	95	85	78	88	84	87	43	43	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	3		
Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-judicial nature	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	5	5	3	11	11	..	..	..	6	16	13	34	25	2	2	48	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	118	128	58	53	2	2	46	46	60	59	66	61	71	70	425	416	108	112	44	34	94	86	172	183	101	120	714	707	18	19	2	33	35	20	31	11	10	94	97		

Judicial. Total Instituted ... 1,194
Total Disposed of ... 1,170
Total Pending ... 183

Non-Judicial. Total Instituted ... 59
Total Disposed of ... 52
Total Pending ... 22

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 9.

Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1918-1919.

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Cooch Behar.				
CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE'S OFFICE.				
Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Civil and Sessions Judge.	.....	.....	.....
„ Baikuntha Chandra Neogi, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ...	.....	.....
„ Satis Chandra Das Gupta, 2d Clerk	Ditto ...	.....	.....
„ Bhabesh Chandra Banerjee, Peshkar	Ditto ...	.....	.....
„ Mon Mohan Sanyal, Record-keeper	.....	.....	.....
„ Hem Chandra Bhattacharji, Bakiat Mohurer.	House in the town ...	.....	.....
„ Mathura Nath Ghosh, Execution Mohurer.	.....	.....	.....
„ Anukul Chandra Das, Comparing Clerk.	House in the town ..	.....	.....
„ Kishori Ranjan Ray, Mohurer, Record-room.	.....	.....	.....
„ Bishnu Charan Majumdar, Nazir...	House in the town ...	.....	.....
Munshi Aftab Uddin Khandakar, Naib Nazir.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
ASSISTANT CIVIL JUDGES' OFFICE.				
Babu Umanath Dutta, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	Jotes and Chukanies in the Sub-Division of Dinbata.	Jointly with his brother.	.....
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	.....	.....	.....
Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Assistant Civil Judge.	Jotes and Chukanies in the State.	Jointly with his brother.	.....
Babu Nigendra Prosad Roy, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	Jotes and Chukanies in the Sudder, Dinbata, Mathabhanga and Tufangunj.	Ditto.	.....
ASSISTANT CIVIL JUDGES' OFFICE.				
Babu Dinesh Chandra Rai, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	.....	.....	.....
„ Satis Chandra Neogi, Peshkar ...	.....	.....	.....
„ Gopal Chandra Dey, Bakiat Mohurer (Civil).	A dwelling house consisted of a Chukani in town.	In his own name	.....
„ Mohim Chandra Laskar, Execution Mohurer (Civil).	.....	.....	.....
„ Uma Nath Pal, Bakiat Mohurer (Rent).	A house consisting of a Chukani in the Sudder	Jointly with his brothers.	.....
„ Amrita Prosad Ishore, Execution Mohurer (Rent).	Some Jotes and Chukanies in the Sudder.	In his own name	.....
„ Debendra Nath Barua, Small Cause Court Mohurer.	House in the Sudder...	.....	.....
Toofangunj.				
Babu Dakshin Ranjan Dhar, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	A house in the town of Cooch Behar.	.....	.....
„ Pran Nath Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	One basha in the town of Tufangunj.	.....	.....
„ Ashutosh Dutt, 2nd-Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
„ Parbati Charan Roy, 3rd Clerk ...	One basha in the town of Dinbata.	In the name of his brother.	.....
„ Bhola Nath Dutt, Accountant ...	.....	.....	.....
„ Dharendra Nath Roy, Mohurer ...	One basha in the town of Tufangunj.	.....	.....
„ Golak Chandra De, Poddar ...	Native of this Sub-division. One house in the Mufasail.	.....	.....
„ Kailash Chandra Chakrabarti, Dewani Mohurer.	One basha in the Tufangunj town.	.....	.....
„ Nabakumar Brahma, Mohurer (Rent)	Ditto ...	.....	.....

Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1918-1919.—(Concluded.)

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation.	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Dinhata.				
abu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	House in the town of Cooch Behar.	Lived in a State house.
Mr. S. Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar	.....	.....	.....
abu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L. Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....
" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	Ditto.
" Triguna Charan Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town and another in Mekligunj.	Ditto.
" Guru Gobindo Neogi, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	.....	.....	.....
" Kumud Bandhu Biswas, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	House in the town ...	.....	.....
" Ashutosh Dutta, 3rd Clerk and Additional Peshkar	Ditto.
" Lalit M. Banerjee, do.	.....	.....	.....
" Manoranjan Roy, do	.....	.....	.....
" Satis Chandra Roy, 4th Clerk	Ditto.
" Suresh Chandra Ray, Accountant...	House in the town of Mekliguni.	.....	.....
" Bankim Ch. Majumdar, Mohurer ...	House in the town ...	.....	.....
" Chandra Mohan Soud, Mohurer ...	House in the town and some Jotes & Chukanies in the Sudder.	Ditto.
" Dharani Kanta Sircar, Poddar ...	Ditto	.....	.....
" Jagat Chandra Bhutta, Dewani Mohurer.	A house in the town and another in Cooch Behar. Some Jotes and Chukanies.	.....	.....
" Chandra Mohan Adhikari, Additional Mohurer.	Some jotes & Chukanis	Ditto.
Munshi. Baktaruddin Ahamed, Rent Suit Mohurer.	A house in the town.	.....	.....
Babu Shashi B. Guha, Comparing Clerk..	Some Jotes & Chukanis	.....	.....
Mathabhanga.				
Babu Hara Chandra Guha, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town	Ditto.
" Prandutt Misra, Accountant	Basha	.....	.....
" Pramatha Nath Majumdar, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto	.....	.....
" Surendra Mahan Brahma, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto	Ditto.
" Kali Charan Banerjee, 3rd Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto	.....	.....
Munshi Abdul Hossein Ahmed, 3rd Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto	.....	.....
Babu Atul Chandra Ray, Dewani Mohurer	Ditto	Ditto.
" Loke Nath Das, Rent Mohurer ...	Ditto	.....	.....
" Kunjabehari Sircar, Additional Mohurer.	One Bigha of land.	.....	.....
Munshi Nasiruddin Ahmed, Mohurer Accounts Department.	Basha	Ditto.
Mekligunj.				
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	Lives in a State house.
" Umanath Dutta, B.L. Naib Ahilkar	.....	.....	.....
" Kedareswar Bhaumick, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ...	.....	.....
" Bholan. Dutt, 2nd Clerk & Peshkar	Ditto	Holds some immoveable properties in the Subi-division of Dinhata.
" Lalit Mohan Banerjee 2nd Clerk & Peshkar.	.....	.....	.....
" Narendra Nath Adicary, 3rd Clerk.	.....	.....	.....
" Nibaran Chandra Roy, Accountant.	A house in the town and another at Mathabhanga & some jotes.	Ditto.
" Mohendra Nath Adhikari, Mohurer,	A house in the town ...	.....	.....
" Bhabendra Narayan Das, Poddar ...	Ditto	.....	.....
" Nil Kanta Roy, Dewani Mohurer...	Ditto	Ditto.
" Keshab Chandra Ghosh, Rent Mohurer.	A house in the town and another at Cooch Behar and some jotes.	
	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of Ameen's employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.	Time employed.	Number of Ameen's.	CHARGES.		Number of Ameen's.	FEES.		AMEEN'S PEON'S CHARGES.		REMARKS.
				Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	
Civil Judge ...	42 0 0	14 days									
Assistant Civil Judge (Civil)	165 0 0	55 "									
Sudder Naib Ahlikar (Rent)	105 0 0	35 "									
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj (Civil)	108 0 0	36 "									
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	36 0 0	12 "									
Ditto, Dinahata (Civil)	27 0 0	9 "	1	912* 0 0	2				168 0 0		* This includes Rs. 12 for Contingencies.
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	18 0 0	6 "									
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil)	45 0 0	15 "									
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	72 0 0	24 "									
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil)	60 0 0	20 "									
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	45 0 0	15 "									
Total	723 0 0	241 days	1	912 0 0	2				168 0 0		

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1918-1919.

NAMES OF COURTS.	Number of process issued.	Process-service fees.		Number of process served.	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers.		Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
		Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.		
<i>Civil.</i>								
Civil Judge's Court	...	3,972	0 0	3,964	6,372	11 6	8-00 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...	2,083	0 0	2,053				
Toofangunj	...	1,691	0 0	1,547	783	11 6	4-27 "	
Dinbata	...	2,344	0 0	2,232	2,194	7 1	8-53 "	
Mathabhanga	...	1,932	0 0	1,704	1,095	2 8	7-76 "	
Mekligunj	...	1,358	0 0	1,266	349	1 5	5-62 "	
<i>Rent.</i>								
Civil Judge's Court	...							
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...							
Sudder Rent Suit	...	4,230	8 0	4,124				
Toofangunj	...	1,493	4 0	1,366				
Dinbata	...	4,202	4 0	4,071				
Mathabhanga	...	3,922	0 0	3,598				
Mekligunj	...	2,966	12 0	2,831				
<i>Small Cause Courts.</i>								
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...	1,567	0 0	1,549				
Toofangunj	...	207	0 0	194				
Dinbata	...	1,255	0 0	1,212				
Mathabhanga	...	1,170	8 0	1,116				
Mekligunj	...	509	0 0	492				
Total	...	34,901	28,582 8 0	33,299	11,295	2 2		

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FROM

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*Dewan of the State, in-charge Registration Department,**Cooch Behar.*

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 21st August 1919.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1918-19. The usual Annual Returns Nos. I to X are hereto appended.

2. *Charge*.—Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., remained in charge of the office of the Registrar of Deeds throughout the year.

3. *Changes among the Sub-Registrars*.—The following table shews the personnel of Sub-Registrars in the several Sub-Registry offices in the State :—

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employments.
Sudder	Rai Chaudhuri Monmohan Buxi, Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st to the 30th of April 1918.
Ditto	Babu Narsinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of May 1918 to the 12th of January 1919
Ditto	Rai Chudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Offg. Sudder Sub Registrar.	From the 14th of January to the 31st of March 1919.
Dinhata	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st to the 24th of April 1918.
Ditto	Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Sub-Registrar	From the 25th of April 1918 to the 1st of January 1919.
Ditto	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 2nd of January 1919 to the 31st of March 1919.
Mathabhanga	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st to the 25th of April 1918.
Ditto	" Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 26th of April 1918 to the 31st of March 1919.
Mekligunj	" Narsinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st to the 23rd of April 1918.
Ditto	" Uma Nath Dutta, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 24th of April 1918 to the 31st of March 1919.
Tufangunj	" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st to the 28th of April 1918.
Ditto	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 29th of April 1918 to the 31st of March 1919.

4. *Variations as regards documents, Compulsory and optional*.—Table No. 1, hereto appended, compares the number of deeds, both compulsory and optional, presented for registration during the year under report with that in the year previous. The number of deeds, the registration of which is compulsory, was 8,737 against 10,319 of the year preceding, shewing a decrease of 1,582 deeds, and that of deeds of which the registration is optional, was 5,663 against 5,746 of the year previous, shewing a decrease of 83 deeds.

5, *Variations as regards the different kinds of documents presented for registration and the amount of registration fees levied thereon.*—Table No. II, hereto appended, compares the number of deeds of different kinds presented for registration and the amount of fees levied thereon during the year under report with those of the year previous. The total number of documents of all classes presented for registration during the year under report was 14,400 against 16,065 of the year previous, shewing a decrease of 1,665 deeds. The total amount of registration fees realised on these documents was Rs. 15,304 against Rs. 16,981, shewing a decrease of Rs. 1,677.

The increases and decreases under the different heads of documents are shewn below :—

Increases.—

Sales	...	...	...	...	...	124
Wills	...	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	157

Total ... 285

Decreases.—

Leases	...	...	...	...	...	1,281
Usufructuary mortgages	...	...	...	...	...	9
Gifts	...	...	...	...	...	18
Simple mortgages	...	...	...	...	...	525
Obligations for payment of money	...	...	...	...	...	117

Total ... 1,950

Net decrease (1,950—285) ... 1,665

6. *Explanations for the variations.*—The decrease under the head of leases was due to the number of leases having been less in the year under notice than in the previous year. During the Settlement operations tenants who had been holding lands without leases were naturally anxious to have their rights established on legal basis and there was an abnormal increase in such numbers in consequence. A reversion to the normal state of things is inevitable. With the Settlement operations approaching completion the diminution in numbers was the natural result.

The increase under the head of Sales accounts in some measure for the decrease under the head of Simple Mortgages. People who used formerly to lend money on mortgages now take advantage of the impoverished condition to which the people in general have been reduced by the high price of the necessaries of life and prefer a purchase out and out of the properties on the security of which they would formerly advance a loan.

The decrease under the head of Obligations for payment of money or rather of simple bonds may be attributable to the fact of registration of such documents being optional and a natural tendency in these hard days to avoid the cost of registration.

The increases and decreases under the other heads are very slight and call for no explanations.

7. *Variations as regards the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*—The following table compares the number of documents presented for registration at each of the different offices during the year under report with that in the year previous :—

Names of Offices.	No. of deeds presented for registration.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1917-18.	1918-19		
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	4,355	4,094	.....	261
Dinhata office	3,772	2,980	.....	792
Mathabhanga do.	3,735	3,449	.....	286
Mekligunj do.	1,927	2,013	86	.....
Tufangunj do.	2,276	1,864	.....	412
Total	16,065	14,400	.....	1,665

It will be observed that there were decreases in all the offices except Mekligunj where there was a slight increase of 86 deeds. The largest decrease was

that of 792 deeds at Dinahata. Tufangunj came next with a decrease of 412 deeds. The decreases in all the offices were chiefly under the heads of Leases and Simple Mortgages due to the causes stated above. It may be observed that the Settlement operations were started first in the Sub-division of Mekligunj. The abnormal increase due to this cause which occurred first in the year 1915-16 totally disappeared and the usual conditions were fully restored in this Sub-division in the year under review. There were very large increases at Dinahata and Tufangunj in the year 1916-17 and the decreases were proportionally large at these two places in the following year. The largest decreases, therefore, were expected in these two Sub-divisions also in the year under report.

8. *Number of deeds actually registered.*—Of the 14,400 deeds presented for registration 76 were refused registration and 19 were pending at the close of the year. The remaining 14,305 deeds were actually registered. Besides, 3 deeds which had been pending registration from the previous year were registered during the year of report. Thus the total number of documents actually registered during the year under review was 14,308.

9. *Progress in the work of copying.*—Of the 14,308 deeds registered during the year none remained uncopied at the close of the year.

10. *Registration by the Registrar of Deeds.*—The Registrar of Deeds registered 8 deeds in the year under report against 15 of the year previous, yielding fees amounting to Rs. 68-3 against Rs. 98-12 of the year preceding.

11. *Registration under the Companies Act.*—During the year of report there was no registration under the Companies Act. The two Companies registered under this Act, *viz.*, the Cooch Behar Commercial Association Limited and the Cooch Behar Banking Corporation Limited are still in existence.

12. *Appeals and petitions*—Including 2 petitions which remained pending at the close of the preceding year, there were altogether 9 petitions under section 73 of the Registration Act against the orders of Sub-Registrars refusing registration of documents for denial of execution by the alleged executants. None of these remained pending at the end of the year. There was one appeal under section 72 of the Registration Act which remained pending at the close of the year.

13. *Receipts (vide Return No. VIII).*—The total receipts under all heads during the year amounted to Rs. 16,750-13 against Rs. 18,590-3 of the year preceding, shewing a decrease of Rs. 1,839-6. The decrease was due to the decrease in the number of deeds presented for registration.

14. *Disbursements (vide Return No. VIII).*—The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 11,279-4 against Rs. 11,842-2-9 of the year preceding, shewing a decrease of Rs. 562-14-9. The decrease was chiefly due to the decrease in the amount of commission paid to the Sub-Registrars owing to decrease in receipts, to reduction in expenditure for temporary establishment owing to decrease in the number of documents presented for registration and also to new arrangements made in consequence of the retirements of two first grade Mohurars.

The increase under the head of Contingencies was due to the payment from the provision under this head of an amount of Rs. 279 in part payment of the cost of electrical installation in the State house occupied by the Registrar of Deeds under Your Highness' orders.

15. *Net gain to the State.*—The net balance received by the State was Rs. 5,471-9 against Rs. 6,748-0-3 of the preceding year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 1,276-7-3.

16. *Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.*—As usual, the Sub-Registrars were remunerated by commission at 25 per cent. on the total fees collected.

17. *Conduct.*—All the Sub-Registrars and the ministerial staff generally rendered satisfaction.

I have the honour to be

Your Highness' most obedient & humble servant,

NARENDRA NATH SEN,

*Dewan of the State,
Registration Department, Cooch Behar.*

I.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.

YEARS.				Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees realised on documents presented for registration.		
							Rs. A. P.		
1917-1918	...	...	...	10,319	5,746	16,065	16,981	0	0
1918-1919	...	...	...	8,787	5,668	14,400	15,304	0	0
Increase	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	...	...	...	1,582	83	1,665	1,677	0	0

NARENDEA NATH SEN,

*Dewan of the State, Registration Department,
Cooch Behar.*

II.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different kinds presented for registration and the amount of fees levied thereon during the years 1917-18 and 1918-19.

YEARS.	Leases.			Unfructuary mortgages.			Sales.			Gifts.			Simple mortgages.			Obligations for payment of money.			Wills.			Miscellaneous.			Total.			Copying and Searching fees and fines &c.			Grand total.		
	No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.				
	Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.			Rs. A.		
1917-18 ..	6,303	2,626	4	246	318	12	4,898	6,006	12	141	233	4	2,683	3,640	4	594	628	8	13	80	0	1,194	3,452	4	16,035	16,981	0	1,609	3	16,065	18,590	3	
1918-19 ..	5, 21	2,142	4	217	330	12	5,012	6,330	4	123	175	0	2,161	3,139	4	477	537	4	17	96	12	1,351	2,552	8	14,400	15,304	0	1,446	13	14,400	16,750	13	
Increase.	.....	.....	17	0	124	323	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	16	12	157	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.	1,231	434	0	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	53	4	525	501	0	117	91	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	899	12	1,655	1,677	0	163	6	1,663	1,599	6

NARENDRA NATH SEN,
Dewan of the State, Registration Dept.,
Cooch Behar.

IIA.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different classes presented for registration in 1917-18 and 1918-19.*

YEARS.			Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1917-1918	...	...	6,803	246	4,888	141	2,686	594	13	1,194	16,065
1918-1919	5,022	287	5,012	123	2,161	477	17	1,351	14,400
Increase...	124	4	157	...
Decrease	1,281	9	...	18	525	117	1,665

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Dewan of the State,
Registration Department.

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*

OFFICES.			Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	...	...	1,749	19	1,211	28	556	142	6	383	4,094
Dinhata office	...	...	766	12	1,257	19	451	157	3	315	2,980
Mathabhangra do	...	...	1,316	28	1,176	39	472	99	5	314	3,449
Mekligunj do	...	...	397	171	751	29	460	42	3	160	2,013
Tufangunj do	794	7	617	8	222	87	...	179	1,864
TOTAL	5,022	287	5,012	123	2,161	477	17	1,351	14,400

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Dewan of the State,
Registration Department.

IV.—Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1918-1919.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.										Balance of the last two columns							
	Registration, Copying and Searching fees &c.	Fines &c.	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Commission to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees.	Total.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.												
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.						
...	4,154	9 0	94	0 0	4,248	9 0	2,379	11 4	1,538	12 0	1,025	10 0	4	8 0	4,948	9 4	700	0 4		
Dinbhata	3,902	13 0	240	12 0	4,143	9 0	653	1 1	68	11 11	1,033	7 0	1,750	4 0	2,393	5 0		
Mathabhanga	3,687	14 0	126	0 0	3,813	14 0	691	4 5	83	13 9	969	14 6	1,745	0 8	2,068	13 4		
Mekligunj	2,889	3 0	73	8 0	2,962	11 0	801	1 7	76	1 3	707	12 0	1,644	14 10	1,317	12 2		
Tufanguj	1,562	6 0	19	12 0	1,582	2 0	760	15 8	44	9 0	384	14 6	1,190	7 2	391	10 10		
Total	16,196	13 0	554	0 0	16,750	13 0	5,286	2 1	1,806	15 11	4,181	10 0	4	8 0	11,279	4 0	700	0 4	6,171	9 4	5,471	9 0
(a) Registrar's office																	Rs. A. P.					
Sudder Sub-Registrar's office																	1,181 11 11					
																	1,197 15 6					
																	2,379 11 4					
(b) Registrar's office																	Rs. A. P.					
Sudder Sub-Registrar's office																	1,529 5 3					
																	9 6 9					
																	1,538 12 0					
NARENDRA NATH SEN,																						
Deewan of the State,																						
Registration Department.																						

V.—Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.

Leases		Usufructuary mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Simple mortgages.		Obligations for payment of money		Wills		Miscellaneous.		Total	
No.	Fees	No.	Fees	No.	Fees	No.	Fees	No.	Fees	No.	Fees	No.	Fees	No.	Fees	No.	Fees
Rs	A	Rs	A	Rs	A	Rs	A	Rs	A	Rs	A	Rs	A	Rs	A	Rs	A.
2	6	8	...	3	37	0	...	3	23	8	...	...	...	...	1	3	8
																68	3

VI.—Table shewing progress in the work of copying.

OFFICES	Deeds copied	Deeds remained to be copied	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	4,171	....	Refused Pending
Dinbata	2,955	...	Refused Pending
Mathabhanga ..	3,131	.	Pending deeds of previous year registered Refused Pending
Mekligunj ..	1,999	...	Refused Pending
Toofangunj ...	1,852	..	Refused Pending
			16 7 23 21 7 28 3 17 1 18 11 3 14 11 1 12

VII.—Abstract statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1918-1919.

OFFICES.	NUMBER OF DEEDS PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION		Value of property affected	Amount of fees and fines realized	Cost of Establishment	Percentage on fees.	Refund of fees	Contingencies.
	Compulsory	Optional.						
			Rs	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	2,382	1,712	4,66,528	4,248 9 0	2,379 11 4	1,025 10 0	4 8 0	1,538 12 0
Dinbata ..	1,642	1,788	4,00,815	4,143 9 0	653 1 1	1,033 7 0	.....	63 11 11
Mathabhanga ...	2,142	1,907	4,65,450	3,813 14 0	691 4 5	969 14 6	..	83 13 9
Mekligunj ...	1,363	650	4,49,590	2,962 11 0	801 1 7	767 12 0	...	76 1 3
Toofangunj ...	1,208	656	1,90,808	1,582 2 0	760 15 8	384 14 6	.....	44 9 0
TOTAL ...	8,737	5,663	19,73,194	16,750 13 0	5,286 2 1	4,181 10 0	4 8 0	1,806 15 11

NARENDRA NATH SEN,
Dewan of the State,
Registration Department.

VIII.—*Comparative statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipts, and disbursements for the years 1917-18 and 1918-19.*

Years.	Number of deeds present- ed for regis- tration.		Amount of fees.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees.	Total Expenditure.	Balance received by the State.														
	Compulsory.	Optional.																					
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.			
1917-18	10,319	5,746	18,590	8	0	5,616	12	9	4,069	2	0	1,548	0	0	8	4	0	11,842	29	6,748	0	8	
						(a)						(b)											
1918-19	8,737	5,663	16,750	13	0	5,286	2	1	4,181	10	0	1,806	15	11	4	8	0	11,279	4	0	5,471	9	0
Increase												258	15	11									
Decrease	1,582	83	1,839	6	0	330	10	8	487	8	0				3	12	0	562	14	9	1,276	7	3

	Rs.	As.	P.
(a) Permanent Establishment ...	5,143	8	1
Temporary Establishment	142	10	0
	5,286	2	1

	Rs.	As.	P.
(b) Contingencies ...	1,761	1	11*
Travelling allowance	45	14	0
	1,806	15	11

* Includes Rs. 279 paid in part payment of the cost of electrical installation in the State house occupied by the Registrar of Deeds.

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Dewan of the State,
Registration Department.

IX.—Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the orders of the Sub-Registrars.

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinhata ... ..	.....	...	4	4	2	2	4	...
Mathabhanga	1	...	2	3	2	1	3	...
Mekligunj	1	1	1	3	...	2	2	1
Toofangunj ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2	1	7	10	4	5	9	1

X.—Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.

Leases.	Usufructuary Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·349	·016	·348	·008	·152	·033	·001	·093

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FROM

B. GHOSE, Esq.,

*Secretary to His Highness,**In charge Audit Department, Cooch Behar.*

To

THE VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 22nd September, 1919.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report of the State for the year 1918-19. I was in charge of this office during this period except a little over a month.

2. The report, as in previous years, is divided into the following parts:—A (1) and (2), Details of the Revenue and the Expenditure with figures for the Budget major heads and heads, B. Funds, C. Deposits, D. Loan and Advances, E. Miscellaneous, F. Cash Balances.

3. The following statements are annexed hereto as appendices:—

I.—Comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the State for the years 1917-18 and 1918-19.

II.—Comparative Receipts and Disbursements of the State for the years 1917-18 and 1918-19.

III.—Revenue and Expenditure of the State as compared with the Revised Estimates for 1918-19.

IV.—Ledger Balances of the accounts as on the 31st March, 1919.

A.—Details of Revenue and Expenditure.

REVENUE.

1.	1917-18. Rs.	1918-19. Rs.	VARIATION.	
			Amount. Rs.	Percentage.
I.—General Revenue ...	18,11,109	17,62,601	—48,508	—2·67
II.—Law and Justice ...	19,794	17,890	—1,904	—9·61
III.—Miscellaneous ...	88,085	1,01,421	+13,336	+15·36
IV.—Debutter ...	1,13,643	1,13,249	—394	—·34
V.—H. H.'s Estates ...	4,42,860	6,21,232	+1,78,372	+40·27
VI.—Railway ...	2,69,878	3,20,526	+50,648	+18·76
Resettlement Fund ...	65,000	.....	—65,000	...
Grand Total ...	28,10,369	29,36,919	+1,26,550	+4·50

EXPENDITURE.

	1917-18. Rs.	1918-19. Rs.	VARIATION.	
			Amount. Rs.	Percentage.
I—Privy Purse ...	4,07,000	4,69,545	62,545	15·36
II—Allowance to His Highness' Relations.	2,10,855	2,14,373	3,518	1·66
III—Administration ...	10,39,848	10,70,447	30,599	2·93
IV—Debutter ...	57,565	58,791	1,226	2·12
V—His Highness' Estates ...	3,69,544	3,58,867	—10,677	2·88
VI—State Ceremonial Dept....	2,31,045	2,82,847	51,802	22·42
VII—Railway ...	1,30,061	1,48,495	18,434	14·17
VIII—Reserve Fund ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
IX—Miscellaneous ...	70,878	1,37,913	67,035	94·58
Repayment of debts ...	4,54,581	97,944	—3,56,637	78·45
Total ...	29,71,377	28,39,222	—1,32,155	4·44
Surplus or Deficit ...	—1,61,008	+97,697	.....	.....
Grand total ...	28,10,369	29,36,919	.....	.....

There was an increase of Revenue of 1918-19 over that of 1917-18 by Rs. 1,26,550. But if the regular heads of Revenue are only taken (excluding receipts under Resettlement) the increase is augmented to Rs. 1,91,550. Such regular Revenue was Rs. 29,36,919 in the year under report against Rs. 29,31,702— the average of the immediately previous three years.

The Expenditure of Rs. 28,39,222 against Rs. 29,71,377 of 1917-18 shews a decrease of Rs. 1,32,155. The principal decreases are under (1) His Highness' Estates Rs. 10,677 and (2) Repayment of Debts Rs. 3,56,637. On the other hand there has been excess in expenditure under 1) His Highness' Privy Purse Rs. 62,545 (2) Allowance to His Highness' Relations Rs. 3,518, (3) Control Rs. 1,159, (4) General Rs. 9,342, (5) Revenue Rs. 5,718, (6) Law and Justice Rs. 135, (7) Miscellaneous Rs. 11,245, (8) Debutter Rs. 1,226, (9) State Ceremonial Department Rs. 51,802, (10) Railway Rs. 18,434, (11) Miscellaneous Rs. 67,035.

The surplus stands at Rs. 97,697 against a deficit of Rs. 1,61,008 in 1917-18.

I.—REVENUE.

5. I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—

(a) *Land Revenue*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 13,33,305 against Rs. 13,60,473 of 1917-18 shewing a decrease of Rs. 27,168 which is due to decreases under Ordinary Revenue (—Rs. 27,919, Copying fees (—Rs. 198) and Miscellaneous (—Rs. 2,906) less increases under Syrat (Rs. 3,040), Cess on Mukrari lands (Rs. 38) and Tolls on Bridges (Rs. 777).

(b) *Stamps*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 2,42,003 against Rs. 2,63,951 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 21,948 is due to decrease under Sale of Judicial and Documentary stamps (—Rs. 20,097), Sale of Court fee and Copying fee stamps (—Rs. 4,072) and Duty on unstamped paper (—Rs. 388) less increases under Sale of Adhesive Stamps (Rs. 589), Sale of Cartridge paper (Rs. 46), Miscellaneous (Rs. 13) and the fresh provision of Rs. 1,961 under Service Stamps. Previously the State used to purchase the amount of adhesive service and telegraph stamps required. Government has now, however, agreed to make over for State use Rs. 6,000 worth of service stamps without cost.

(c) *Excise*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 1,75,679 against Rs. 1,73,657 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 2,022 is due to increase under Miscellaneous (Rs. 5,898) less decreases under License fee on Liquors and Drugs (—Rs. 2,326) and Sale of Opium (—Rs. 1,550).

(d) *Interest on Loans and Investments*.—The receipts under this head are Rs. 743 against Rs. 1,828 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 1,085 is due to decrease of Rs. 914 under Ordinary Loans and Rs. 171 under interest on His Highness' Children's Fund.

(e) *Sundries*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 10,871 against Rs. 11,200 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 329 is due to decrease of Rs. 301 under Miscellaneous and Rs. 36 under Sale of Bullion less excess of Rs. 8 under Lapsed Deposits.

6. I.—LAW AND JUSTICE.—

(a) *Civil and Sessions Court*.—The receipt under this head is Rs. 1,124 against Rs. 1,339 of 1917-18 shewing a decrease of Rs. 215 only.

(b) *Registration*.—The receipts under this head are Rs. 16,766 against Rs. 18,455 of 1917-18 shewing a decrease of Rs. 1,689 which is mainly due to falling off in the number of documents presented for registration.

7. III.—MISCELLANEOUS.—

(a) *Criminal Justice*.—The receipts under this head are Rs. 6,059 against Rs. 8,164 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 2,105 is due to decrease of Rs. 2,687 under Magisterial fines less increases under Sale of unclaimed and escheated property and Miscellaneous.

(b) *Jail*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 23,186 against Rs. 20,596 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 2,590 is due to excess receipt of

Rs. 2,756 under Sale of Jail manufacture less Rs. 159 under Convict labour and Rs. 7 under Miscellaneous.

(e) *Education, Science and Arts*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 32,185 against Rs. 28,578 of 1917-18. The excess of Rs. 3,607 is due to excess collections of Rs. 3,237 under Victoria College, Rs. 457 under Jenkins School and Rs. 2 under Miscellaneous less Rs. 89 under State Model Schools.

(d) *Public Works*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 29,978 against Rs. 10,039 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 19,939 is explained below :—

(1) *Ordinary*.—The receipt under this head is Rs. 8,902 against Rs. 8,957 of 1917-18.

(2) *Artisan School*.—The receipt under this head is Rs. 11,856 only. The school was reorganised from September 1917, as no regular receipts can be had, the total receipts are not mentioned.

(3) *Electrical Department*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 9,320 against Rs. 1,082 of 1917-18.

(e) *Sundries*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 10,013 against Rs. 20,708 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 10,695 is due to decreases under Miscellaneous (—Rs. 11,147) and Printing office receipts (—Rs. 611), less increase under Medical Department receipts (Rs. 575) and Copying fees, Council office (Rs. 488).

8. IV.—DEBUTTER.—

The total receipts under this head are Rs. 1,13,249 against Rs. 1,13,643 of 1917-18 shewing a decrease of Rs. 394 only in the Budget. This decrease is due to short collection under Ordinary Revenue (—Rs. 362 and Miscellaneous (—Rs. 32).

9. V.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—

(a) *Darjeeling Estate*.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 76,501 against Rs. 75,456 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 1,045 is due to increases under House rent (Rs. 2,703) and Miscellaneous (Rs. 2,105) less decrease of Rs. 4,063 under Stock Sale.

(b) *Chakrajat Estates*.—The total receipt under this head is Rs. 5,44,731 against Rs. 3,67,404 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 1,77,327 is due to excess receipts under all the sub-heads of the Budget.

10 VI.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 3,20,526 against Rs. 2,69,878 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 50,648 is due to general increase in the traffic

2.—EXPENDITURE.

12. I.—HIS HIGHNESS' PRIVY PURSE.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 4,69,545 against Rs. 4,07,000 of 1917-18 shewing an increase of Rs. 62,545.

13. II.—ALLOWANCE TO HIS HIGHNESS' RELATIONS.—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 2,14,373 against Rs. 2,10,855. The increase of Rs. 3,518 is due to increases granted to Prince Hitendra Narayan and Sreejukta Brajeswari Madhyam Aye Gharani and also increase granted to other Rajguns.

14. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

I. *Control*.—The total expenditure under this head which is explained below is Rs. 60,555 against Rs. 59,396 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 1,159 is due to excess expenditure under Audit office (Rs. 820) and His Highness' Council office (Rs. 624), less savings of Rs. 285 under His Highness' Office :—

(a) *His Highness the Maharaja's Office*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 39,761 against Rs. 40,046 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 285 is specially due to decrease of Rs. 2,017 under His Highness' Office Contingencies and Rs. 82 under Travelling Allowance, less increases of Rs. 1,326 under Secretary to His Highness' Establishment and Rs. 488 under Household Establishment.

- (b) *Audit Office*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 10,189 against Rs. 9,369 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 820 is due to excess expenditure of Rs. 95 under Establishment and Rs. 725 under Contingencies.
- (c) *His Highness' Council Office*.—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 10,605 against Rs. 9,981 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 624 is due to excess under Establishment (Rs. 230), Contingencies (Rs. 460) and Travelling Allowance (Rs. 66, less Rs. 132 under Unforeseen charges.

15. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

2. *General*.—The total expenditure under this is Rs. 5,08,958 against Rs. 4,99,616 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 9,342 is explained below :—

- (a) *Office of the Vice-President, State Council, General Department*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 45,535 against Rs. 46,577 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 1,042 is due to decrease under Travelling Allowance (—Rs. 412) and Unforeseen charges (—Rs. 2,278), less increases under Vice-President, State Council, General Department (Rs. 256), Establishment (Rs. 77) and Contingencies (Rs. 1,315).
- (b) *Criminal Justice*.—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 32,404 against Rs. 35,005 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 2,602 is due to decrease under Fouzdari Ahilkar and Assistants (—Rs. 983), Establishment (—Rs. 300), Travelling Allowance (—Rs. 86), Refund of Criminal Fines (—Rs. 407), Nazrat Department (—Rs. 3) and Pleader's fees (—Rs. 880), less increase under Contingencies (Rs. 57).
- (c) *Education, Science and Arts*.—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 1,19,749 against Rs. 1,14,528 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 5,221 is explained below :—
- (1) *Higher Education*.—The expenditure is Rs. 69,919 against Rs. 65,504 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 4,415 is due to increase under Victoria College (Rs. 948), Jenkins School (Rs. 467), Boarding Institution (Rs. 106), Scholarships (Rs. 505), State Library (Rs. 614) and the Raj Rajendra Narayan Boarding Institution (Rs. 1,728) and under Contingencies (Rs. 47).
 - (2) *Primary Education*.—The expenditure is Rs. 49,830 against Rs. 49,024 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 806 is due to increase under Direction and Inspection (Rs. 305), Sudder Model School (Rs. 31), Mufussil Model Schools (Rs. 6), Grants-in-aid (Rs. 196), Scholarships (Rs. 62) and Contingencies (Rs. 406) less decreases under Primary grant (—Rs. 175) and Prizes and Rewards (—Rs. 25).
- (d) *Jail*.—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 26,996 against Rs. 35,862 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 8,866 is due to decreases under Establishment (—Rs. 16), Contingencies (—Rs. 458), Raw materials for Jail manufacture (—Rs. 8,023) and Repairs to Jail (—Rs. 969) less excess expenditure under Rations to prisoners (Rs. 334), Clothing and bedding (Rs. 232) and Hospital expenses (Rs. 34).
- (e) *Police*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 69,189 against Rs. 57,070 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 12,119 is due to increase under all the heads with the exception of Rs. 448 under Contingencies.
- (f) *Medical*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 50,020 against Rs. 47,174 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 2,846 is due to increases under Civil Surgeon, &c., (Rs. 446), Contingencies (Rs. 262), Diet to in-patients (Rs. 313), Clothing and Bedding

(Rs. 7), Medicines and instruments (Rs. 2,094) and Veterinary Establishment (Rs. 114), less decreases under Establishment (— Rs. 21), Travelling allowance (— Rs. 287) and Vaccination (— Rs. 82).

- (q) *State Press*.—The expenditure is Rs. 15,248 against Rs. 13,223 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 2,025 is due to increase under all the sub-heads.
- (h) *Public Works*.—The total charges under this head are Rs. 1,49,817 against Rs. 1,50,176 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 359 is nominal and is explained below:—
- (1). *Ordinary Public Works Department*.—The charges are Rs. 55,590 against Rs. 84,919 of 1917-18. The details of expenditure are given in paragraph 29 of this report.
- (2). *Artisan School*.—The charges are Rs. 18,280 only. As the Department worked along with the Public Works Department—Ordinary, no separate expenditure for 1917-18 can be shewn.
- (3). *Electric Department*.—The charges are Rs. 30,236 against Rs. 33,228 of 1917-18. The decrease is Rs. 2,992 only.
- (4). *State Grant to the Communication Improvement Fund*.—The charges are Rs. 45,711 against Rs. 32,029 of 1917-18. As the State grant for 1918-19 was reduced by Rs. 6 owing to falling off in collection, the amount has been put here accordingly.

16. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

Revenue.—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 3,07,200 against Rs. 3,01,482 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 5,718 is explained below:—

- (a) *Land Revenue*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 2,83,068 against Rs. 2,73,766 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 9,302 is due to increases under Dewan and Assistants (Rs. 1,425) Establishment (Rs. 739), Temporary Establishment (Rs. 117), Travelling allowance (Rs. 938), Resettlement (Rs. 7,846) and Agriculture and Industry (Rs. 2,211), less savings under Contingencies (— Rs. 454), State Pleader (— Rs. 515), Refund of Revenue (— Rs. 188), Canoongoes and establishment (— Rs. 2,046), Canoongoes and Contingencies (— Rs. 235), Survey and Settlement (— Rs. 17), Nezarat Department (— Rs. 123) and Unforeseen (— Rs. 396).

Collection charges (omitting the heads "Government Tribute", "Resettlement" and "Unforeseen") amount to Rs. 89,573 against Rs. 87,721 of 1917-18. The gross collections under I.—General Revenue (a) Land Revenue and IV.—Debutter are Rs. 14,46,554 against Rs. 14,74,116 of 1917-18 and net collection is Rs. 13,56,981 against Rs. 13,86,395 of 1917-18. The collection charges are therefore 6.19 per cent. of the gross collections against 5.95 per cent. of 1917-18.

- (b) *Excise*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 7,501 against Rs. 8,847 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 1,346 is due to decreases under Establishment (— Rs. 20), Purchase of Opium (— Rs. 1,393), less increase under Contingencies (Rs. 13), Travelling (Rs. 49) and Rewards (Rs. 5). Net collection under this head is Rs. 1,68,178 against Rs. 1,64,310 of 1917-18. The charges are 4.26 per cent. against 5.09 per cent. of 1917-18.
- (c) *Stamps*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 7,663 against Rs. 10,181 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 2,518 is due to decreases under all the heads.

Net collections under stamps are Rs. 2,34,340 against Rs. 2,53,770 of 1917-18 and the charges are 3.16 per cent. of the gross collections against 3.85 per cent. of 1917-18.

- (d) *Cooch Behar Treasury*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 8,968 against Rs. 8,688 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 280 is due to increase under Contingencies (Rs. 519), less decreases under Establishment (— Rs. 38) and Transit charges for Cash remittances (— Rs. 201).

17. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

(4). *Law and Justice*.—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 61,763 against Rs. 61,628 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 135 is explained below :—

- (a) *Civil and Sessions Court*.—The charges are Rs. 50,587 against Rs. 49,838 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 749 is due to increases under Civil and Sessions Judge and Assistants (Rs. 66), Establishment (Rs. 70), Contingencies (Rs. 563), Nezarat Department (Rs. 53) and Unforeseen (Rs. 53), less decrease of Rs. 56 under Travelling allowance.
- (b) *Registration*.—The charges are Rs. 11,176 against Rs. 11,790 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 614 is due to decrease under Fees to Registrar (—Rs. 487) and Establishment (—Rs. 313), less increase under Contingencies (Rs. 152) and Travelling allowance (Rs. 34).

18. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

(5). *Miscellaneous*.—Total expenditure under this head is Rs. 1,31,971 against Rs. 1,17,726 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 14,245 is explained below :—

- (a) *Pensions and allowances*.—The charges are Rs. 86,859 against Rs. 76,589 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 10,270 is due to increase under Retiring pension (Rs. 977), Invalid pension (Rs. 64), Superannuation (Rs. 2,936), Special pension (Rs. 8,254) and Miscellaneous (Rs. 24), less savings under Compensation pension (—Rs. 439), Compassionate allowance (—Rs. 1), Gratuity (—Rs. 1,509) and Pensions to employees in His Highness' Estates (—Rs. 36).
- (b) *Sundries*.—The charges are Rs. 45,112 against Rs. 41,137 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 3,975 is due to increase under Repayment of Lapsed Deposits (Rs. 2,829), Miscellaneous (Rs. 8), Furlough and leave allowance (Rs. 970) and Profit and Loss (Rs. 550), less Rs. 382 under Town Improvement, Sudder.

19. IV.—DEBUTTER.—

Total expenditure under this head is Rs. 58,791 against Rs. 57,565 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 1,226 is due to increases under Establishment (Rs. 106), Ordinary Pujahs (Rs. 1,418), Alms (Rs. 420), Repairs to Temples (Rs. 14) and Contingencies (Rs. 361), less savings under Religious performances (—Rs. 22), Periodical Pujahs (—Rs. 622), Travelling allowance (—Rs. 142), Benares Establishment (—Rs. 37) and Contingencies (—Rs. 270.)

20. V.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—

The expenditure under this head is Rs. 3,58,867 against Rs. 3,69,544 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 10,677 is explained below :—

- (a) *Darjeeling Estate*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 66,535 against Rs. 75,753 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 9,218 is due to decrease under all the sub-heads with the exception of Rs. 512 under Establishment and Rs. 1,790 under Unforeseen. In 1917-18 the extensive repairs were undertaken and sufficient number of furniture were purchased over and above payment of Rs. 2,787 for Soldiers Club.
- (b) *Chaklajet Estates*.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 2,92,332 against Rs. 2,93,791 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 1,459 is due to decrease under Management (—Rs. 2,016) and Miscellaneous (—Rs. 351), less increase under Revenue payable (Rs. 662) and Debutter (Rs. 246).

Charges under Revenue payable are 33.06 per cent. of the gross collections against 51.46 per cent. of 1917-18. Charges under Management and Miscellaneous are 19.89 per cent. of the gross collections against 30.32 per cent. of 1917-18.

Chaklajet Public Works expenses are Rs. 5,952 against Rs. 6,441 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 489 is due to decrease in provision.

21. VI.—STATE CEREMONIAL DEPARTMENT.—

The expenditure under this head is Rs. 2,82,847 against Rs. 2,31,045 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 51,802 is explained below :—

- (a) *Dar Office—Establishment and Contingencies*.—The charges are Rs. 16,679 against Rs. 16,004 of 1917-18. The increase of

Rs. 675 is under Establishment (Rs. 66) and Contingencies (Rs. 609).

- (b) *Philkhana*.—The charges are Rs. 39,742 against Rs. 32,815 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 6,927 is due to increases under all the heads especially under Establishment (Rs. 3,571) and Contingencies (Rs. 2,454).
- (c) *Statue of His Highness late Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G. C. I. E., C. B.*—The charge against this head is Rs. 2,194 only against nil of 1917-18.
- (d) *Stables*.—The charges are Rs. 3,719 against Rs. 3,892 of 1917-18. The decrease is due to non-payment of horse allowance of the Civil Surgeon.
- (e) *Comm.*—The charges under this head are Rs. 37,399 against Rs. 41,661 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 4,262 is due to short provision under the head.
- (f) *Bond*.—The charges under this head are Rs. 21,927 against Rs. 24,901 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 2,974 is principally due to decrease under Travelling allowance, House rent, Contingencies and Uniforms.
- (g) *Palace Public Works*.—The charges under this head are Rs. 85,508 against Rs. 49,293 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 36,215 is due to excess provision which is explained in paragraph 29 of this report.
- (h) *Military*.—The charges are Rs. 37,869 against Rs. 38,672 of 1917-18. The decrease of Rs. 803 is due to decreases under Establishment (—Rs. 127), Contingencies (—Rs. 189), Men and Sepoys (—Rs. 803), Uniform (—Rs. 21), less increase of Rs. 346 under Ammunition.
- (i) *Birth of His Highness' 2nd son, Annaprasan of the 2nd son of His Highness, and Marriage expenses of Prince Victor N. Narayan*.—Separate provisions have been made in the Budget but here the amounts have been provided as under :—

	Rs.
(1)	2,998
(2)	431
(3)	21,452

- (j) *Visit of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore*.—The charges under this head are Rs. 7,270 only.
- (k) *Cost of Illumination and Decoration of the Town in connection with the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy*.—The charges under this head are Rs. 5,657 only.
- (l) *Annaprasan expenses of the Yuvaraj Bahadur*.—There was no charge under this head this year—hence the decrease of Rs. 23,806.

22. VII.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY.—

The working expenses are Rs. 1,48,495 against Rs. 1,30,061 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 18,434 is due to increase under Revenue.

The net earnings of the Railway amount to Rs. 1,72,031 against Rs. 1,39,817 of 1917-18. The net earnings work out as 8.27 per cent. of Rs. 20,79,383—the Capital expenditure actually incurred up to 31st March 1919 and 8.23 per cent. of Rs. 20,87,759—the amount deposited by the State for Capital Expenditure upto 31st March 1919. The figures for 1917-18 show 6.72 per cent. and 6.69 per cent. respectively. If the sum of Rs. 2,08,576 paid as interest be included in the amount of Capital Outlay the percentage of net earnings is reduced to 7.48 against 6.10 per cent. of 1917-18.

Details of Capital account are given in paragraph 30 of this report.

28. IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.—

The total expenditure is Rs. 1,37,913 against Rs. 70,878 of 1917-18. The increase of Rs. 67,035 is due to increases under Contribution to Public Funds

(Rs. 67,906) and Unforeseen (Rs. 901), less decreases under Allowance to Brahmins (—Rs. 571) and Donation for charitable purposes (—Rs. 1,201).

24. REPAYMENT OF DEBTS.—The expenditure is Rs. 97,944 against Rs. 4,54,581 of 1917-18.

25. RAILWAY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.—There was no payment this year as well as the year before. But as the amount paid for the Railway Conversion was Rs. 2,082 in excess of what was actually arrived at, the amount thus paid in excess has been refunded.

B.—FUNDS.

26. The Treasury shows the following figures:—

	Opening Balance in 1918-19.	Add Receipts in 1918-19	Deduct Expenses in 1918-19.	Closing Balance of 1918-19
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ANTI-CHOLERA FUND. —				
Cash	5,446	.....	791	4,655
Government Promissory Notes ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Re-settlement FUND.—				
Cash	6,206	.....	.....	6,206
Government Promissory Notes	1,10,000	.....	.....	1,10,000
COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.—				
Cash	7,219	62,872	63,575	6,516
Government Promissory Notes	7,700	.....	.....	7,000
Loan given ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
PUBLIC WORKS CONTRIBUTION WORKS.—				
Cash	9,964	4,843	5,997	8,910
Government Promissory Notes ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
DARJEELING FIRE INSURANCE FUND.—				
Cash	6,023	.....	1,368	4,655
Government Promissory Notes	32,700	.....	.....	32,700
VILLAGE CHOWKIDARI FUND.—				
Cash	8,650	7,854	4,790	11,714
Government Promissory Notes	5,600	.....	.....	5,600
Loan given	68,000	.....	.....	68,000
Discount paid	3,488	.....	.....	3,488
POUND FUND.—				
Cash	24,781	13,567	6,891	31,407
Government Promissory Notes	5,400	.....	.....	5,400
Loan given	65,098	.....	.....	65,098
Discount paid	3,139	.....	.....	3,139
TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.—				
Cash	137	.....	89	98
Government Promissory Notes	1,100	.....	.....	1,100
VIDYASAGAR MEMORIAL FUND.—				
Cash	852	.....	.....	852
Government Promissory Notes	1,500	.....	.....	1,500
COOCH BEHAR TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	12,887	45,958	38,126	20,714
MATHABHANGA TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	2,415	6,096	5,006	3,505
DINHATA TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	141	8,369	7,830	1,180
HALDIRBARI TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	258	5,802	6,040	.....
CHILDREN'S FUND.—				
Cash	3,022	.....	.....	3,022
Government Promissory Notes	8,000	.....	.....	8,000
SPECIAL FUND.—				
Cash	1,459	.....	.....	1,459
Government Promissory Notes	1,900	.....	.....	1,900
RESERVE FUND.—				
Cash only	46	.....	.....	46
INTEREST ON TRUST FUND IN FAVOUR OF MAHARAJKUMARIES.—				
Cash only	6,688	3,029	7,557	2,160
BHUBAN NATH CHAKRAVERTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND.—				
Cash ... ..	.....	35	6	29

Anti-Cholera Fund.—There was no receipt under this head during the year as the expenditure under Sanitary Department, from which any unexpended balance is transferred to this, was so heavy that a sum of Rs. 791 has to be debited to the Department.

Resettlement Fund.—There was neither any receipt nor any expenditure under this head during the year, hence no transactions appear in the Statement. There was, however, a provision of Rs. 6,000 in the Budget, as the money has not been paid by the Dewan no transactions appear here.

Communication Improvement Fund.—The receipts of Rs. 62,872 are made up of (1) Rs. 45,711 under State grants, (2) Rs. 16,552 under Unexpended balance, (3) Rs. 238 under Interest on Government Promissory Notes, (4) Rs. 371 under Miscellaneous receipts. The expenditure of Rs. 63,575 is made up of (1) Rs. 47,966 on account of Public Works Department expenses of the Fund, (2) 16,552 under the Unexpended balance of the Fund and less (3) Rs. 944 being the difference between the uncashed cheque of 1917-18 and 1918-19. The State grant of Rs 45,711 is made up of (1) Rs 40,602 from General Revenue, (2) Rs. 1,922 from Cess on Mukrari lands and (3) Rs. 3,187 from Tolls on Bridges.

Public Works Contribution Works.—Total works done during the year under report were Rs. 5,897, and Rs. 2,278 was refunded to the parties. It will also be seen that the receipt under the year of report was Rs. 4,843 only.

Darjeeling Fire Insurance Fund.—There was no receipt in the year of report against Rs. 1,000 of 1917-18. The charge against the Fund is Rs. 1,368 only which represents the Insurance premium for the buildings &c. at Darjeeling.

Village Chowkidari Fund.—The receipt of Rs. 7,854 is made up of (1) Rs 7,672 being the ordinary receipt of the Fund and (2) Rs. 182 being the interest realised in the Government Promissory Notes. The expenditure against the Fund is Rs. 4,790 only.

Pound Fund.—The receipt of Rs. 13,567 consists of (1) Rs. 11,151 being the receipt from Permanent Fund, 2. Rs. 2,210 being the sale proceeds of impounded cattle and (3) Rs. 206 being the receipt from Government Promissory Notes of the Fund. The expenditure for the year amounts to Rs. 6,891.

Temple Scholarship Fund.—The expenditure of Rs. 39 represents the amount of scholarship issued during the year.

Bhuban Nath Chakraverty's Scholarship Fund.—The receipt of Rs. 35 represents the interest realised on Government Promissory Notes. There was an expenditure of Rs. 6 only against the Fund.

Interest on Trust Fund in favour of Maharajkumaries.—The receipt of Rs. 3,029 represents the amount of interest realised on the Government Promissory Notes and Rs. 7,557 paid during the year under report.

Town Committee Fund:—

	RECEIPTS.							
	Cooch Behar.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Haldibari.	
	1917-18	1918-19.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1917-18.	1918-19.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
State Grant	27,302	26,920	1,900	1,900	2,665	2,665	1,900	1,900
Do from Pound Fund ..	3,600	3,600	200	200	1,000	1,000	.....	.....
Chowkidari Tax	4,982	4,783	1,450	1,401	770	696	860	86
Leetrine Tax	6,415	6,921	910	1,338	829	643	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	1,753	3,749	3,672	3,580	2,370	1,092	8,266	8,284
Total	44,052	46,083	7,702	8,269	7,834	6,096	5,926	8,006
EXPENDITURE.								
Public Works	14,835	15,113	4,611	2,455	1,367	1,915	8,757	1,080
Relief & Contingencies ..	6,170	2,062	882	977	584	790	1,246	1,234
Chowkidari Tax	3,203	2,911	634	629	563	582	.....	.....
Conservancy	8,417	8,596	1,843	1,514	1,728	1,485	855	908
Lighting	6,426	6,367	478	593	662	730	771	718
Miscellaneous	3,591	3,477	1,047	1,162	946	414	773	1,106
Total	42,542	38,126	9,380	7,330	8,850	5,006	7,402	6,040

On the receipt side the State grants for Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Haldibari show Rs. 26,920, Rs. 1,900, Rs. 2,665 and

Rs. 1,900 respectively. The only variation is in Cooch Behar which shows a decrease of Rs. 382 only. Of the receipts under various Departments of the Cooch Behar Town Committee the most noticeable item is under Miscellaneous where Rs. 1,102 has been shewn as amount realised from Registration of carts and Rs. 1,625 as Lighting tax of Hât Bhawanigunj. The most noticeable increases are under Choukidari and Latrine taxes of the Dinhata Town Committee. The Mathabhanga Town Committee shows decreases under almost all the heads of the Budget, while the Haldibari Town Committee shows a slight decrease of Rs. 124 only.

On the expenditure side all the Town Committees show deficit in disbursements.

27.

C.—DEPOSITS.

	COOCH BEHAR STATE.				CHAKLAJAT ESTATE.	
	Revenue Deposit.	General Deposit.	Judicial Deposit Civil.	Judicial Deposit Criminal.	Revenue Deposit.	General Deposit.
Opening Balance in 1918-19	Rs. 61,087	Rs. 42,022	Rs. 29,099	Rs. 3,087	Rs. 8,908	Rs. 17,123
Add Receipts in 1918-19	53,333	21,502	40,218	13,220	1,72,727	5,286
Total	1,14,420	63,524	69,317	16,307	1,81,635	22,409
Deduct Deposits repaid in 1918-19	55,517	33,586	38,694	15	1,78,924	4,831
Deduct Deposits lapsed on 31st March 1919.	5,951	.....	3,484	1,329	.....	.....
Total Deductions	61,468	33,586	42,178	1,344	1,78,924	4,831
Closing Balance in 1918-19	52,952	29,938	27,139	14,963	2,711	17,578

In the year under report Rs. 6,574 against Rs. 3,745 was repaid out of the provision for the purpose made under 5.—Miscellaneous (b) Sundries—Repayment of Lapsed Deposits and Rs. 10,764 lapsed to the State against Rs. 10,754 of the previous year.

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D.—LOANS AND ADVANCES.

	Opening balance in 1918-19	ADD payment in 1918-19.	DEDUCT Amount written off in 1918-19	DEDUCT Amount repaid or adjusted in 1918-19.	Closing balance in 1918-19
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Loans to Sundry Individuals	37,755	6,500	.....	2,556	41,699
Chaklajat Loan Accounts	32,583	.....	.....	.....	32,583
Cooch Behar State Advances Recoverable.	3,93,271	2,21,065	1,842	1,32,602	4,79,892
Darjeeling Estate Advances Recoverable.	693	5,815	.....	5,815	693
Chaklajat Estate do. do.	49,099	1,36,924	.....	1,57,676	28,347
Cooch Behar State Permanent advance.	7,990	1,500	.....	500	8,990
Chaklajat Estate do. do.	806	.....	.....	5	801

Loans to Sundry Individuals.—The total amount realised during the year under report is Rs. 2,556 and the amount issued to the parties is Rs. 6,500 only.

Chaklajat Loan Account.—There was no transaction under this head during the year under report.

Cooch Behar State Advances.—During the year under report Rs. 2,21,065 was advanced and Rs. 1,34,444 was recovered against Rs. 1,50,675 and Rs. 1,33,618 of 1917-18.

Darjeeling Estate Advance.—During the year under report Rs. 5,815 was received and a similar amount was issued—there was therefore no alteration in the balance.

Chaklajat Estate Advances.—The unadjusted balance under this head is Rs. 28,347 against Rs. 49,099 of 1917-18.

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E.—MISCELLANEOUS.

(1.) (a) *Public Works, Ordinary.*—The receipt is Rs. 8,802 against Rs. 8,550 of 1917-18. There was thus an increase of Rs. 252 which is made up of increase under Miscellaneous (Rs. 1,343) and decrease under Forest (—Rs. 358) and State carts (—Rs. 733).

(b) *Artisan School*—The receipt is Rs. 11,856.

(2.) Total charges under Public Works Department—Ordinary are Rs. 56,233 against Rs. 87,349 of 1917-18. The details of expenditure are given below in paragraph 8 of this report.

(3.) Total charges under Palace Public Works Department are Rs. 85,521 against Rs. 49,293 of 1917-18. The details of expenditure are given below in paragraph 8.

(4.) Total charges under Communication Improvement Fund are Rs. 47,966 against Rs. 45,442. The details of expenditure are given in paragraph 8.

(5.) Total charges under Artisan School are Rs. 18,280.

(6.) The Treasury and the Public Works Department figures for expenditure in the year under review are given below :—

	Ordinary	Palace.	Communication Improvement Fund.	Artisan School
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Treasury figures ...	63,898	93,237	63,574	21,674
Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	—8,067	—7,729	—16,552	—3,449
Uncashed cheques of 1917-18	—744	.....	—405	.....
Uncashed cheques of 1918-19	1,600	13	1,349	55
Debit to Suspense heads ...	—454	.....	.....	.....
Public Works Department figures	56,233	85,521	47,966	18,280

(7.) The details of Rs. 454 shewn as debit to Suspense heads are given below :—

	Debit.	Credit.	Net
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Advance Account ...	—1,960	1,720	—240
Stock Sale Account ...	—4,423	4,209	—214
Stock Account ...	—10,471	10,471	.....
Net debit ...	.....	.....	—454

(8.) The following statement shews the comparative expenses of 1917-18 and 1918-19 :—

	YEAR.	Ordinary.	Palace.	Communi- cation	Total
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works ...	{ 1917-18 ...	32,402	18,049	9,775	60,226
	{ 1918-19 ...	9,801	42,410	12,832	65,043
Repairs ...	{ 1917-18 ...	20,634	17,143	34,416	72,193
	{ 1918-19 ...	20,213	25,324	33,803	79,340
Contingencies Travelling, and Establishment ...	{ 1917-18 ...	31,282	4,539	360	36,181
	{ 1918-19 ...	25,039	4,741	360	30,140
Miscellaneous ...	{ 1917-18 ...	3,031	9,562	891	13,484
	{ 1918-19 ...	1,180	13,046	971	15,197
Total ...	{ 1917-18 ...	87,349	49,293	45,442	1,82,084
	{ 1918-19 ...	56,283	85,521	47,966	1,89,720

Figures against Original Works under Ordinary include those for Forest.

Figures against Miscellaneous (1) under Ordinary are made up of those for Tools and Plant and Profit and Loss, (2) under Palace mainly of Rents, Taxes and Garden Establishment of Woodlands, (3) under Communication Improvement Fund of Rest House Establishment.

	Rs.
(9) Charges for 1918-19 for Establishment, Travelling and Contingencies for Public Works— Ordinary, Palace and Communication Improvement Fund	30,140
Charges for 1918-19 for Establishment, Travelling and Contingencies for Artisan School	9,339
Charges for Temporary Establishment and Supervision for Public Works Department —Ordinary, Palace, Communication Improvement Fund and Deposit Contribution ...	1,626
Total ...	41,105
	Rs.
Works, Public Works Department Ordinary, Original and Repairs	30,014
Less Temporary Establishment	367
	29,647
Works, Palace, P. W. D. Original and Repairs	67,735
Less Temporary Establishment	313
	67,422
Works, Communication Improvement Fund, Original and Repairs	46,635
Less Temporary Establishment	881
	45,754
Works, Deposit Contribution	3,533
Less Temporary Establishment	65
	3,468
Works, Artisan School	8,415
Total ...	1,54,706

The total charge for Establishment, Supervision &c. is, therefore, 26·57 per cent. of the total works done against 24·09 per cent. of 1917-18 or an increase of 2·48 over the charges for 1917-18.

V.—*His Highness the Maharaja's Estates*.—Dealt with separately *vide* paragraph 20 of this report.

30. *Capital Account—Cooch Behar State Railway*.—No money was spent during the year under report.

	Rs.	A. P.
Ledger balance of Cooch Behar State Railway	18,10,762	3 5
Amount spent by E. B. Railway under Capital Outlay for original line up to 31st March 1918	15,81,854	10 1
Difference	2,28,907	9 4

The difference is due to the following—

Amount held in Deposit by the Eastern Bengal Railway as per Capital Outlay Account	8,375	5 11
Interest paid on loan taken for building the Railway	2,08,576	3 5
Amount credited to Conversion Account	11,956	0 0
	2,28,907	9 4

Conversion of Cooch Behar State Railway.—The work has been completed and a completion report has been submitted and sanction thereof obtained. The balance now under this head stands as Rs. 4,97,528-8-4.

31. *Government of Bengal*.—During the year Rs. 10,85,891 was received and Rs. 9,08,992 was disbursed. The balance on the 31st March, 1919 is Rs. 2 44,879-4-10.

32. *Bullion Account*.—This account shows a credit of Rs. 264 against a debit of Rs. 288.

33. *Suspense Account*.—This account shows a credit of Rs. 5,694 and a debit of Rs. 30,147 against Rs. 60,899 and Rs. 61,228 of 1917-18 respectively.

34. *Miscellaneous Cash Remittances Account.*—The total balance under this head is Rs. 20. This includes Rs. 28-7-3 for Chaklajet Estates and a slight balance under Darjeeling.

35. *Darjeeling Estate Cash Account.*—The total credits are Rs. 18,166 and the debits are Rs. 82,317.

The balance is raised to Rs. 10,414 only.

36. *Examiner of Accounts, Eastern Bengal Railway.*—He was credited with Rs. 8,00,777 including (1) Rs. 1,52,261 received from him in cash and (2) Rs. 1,48,496 for working expenses of the office, while he was debited with Rs. 3,20,526, the gross earnings of the Railway. This with the opening debit balance of Rs. 78,161 leaves Rs. 27,003-14-7 as the balance recoverable from him on the 31st March, 1919.

37. Closing balances are given below:—

F.—Cash Balance.

	1917-18. Rs.	1918-19. Rs.	Difference. Rs.
Cooch Behar State	4,28,392	3,97,919	- 30,473
Chaklajet Estates	89,658	1,80,791	+ 91,133
Deposits, Funds (Cooch Behar & Chaklajet)	2,90,368	2,55,530	- 34,838
Government of Bengal	67,280	2,44,879	+ 1,77,599
Total	9,26,596	10,77,079	+ 1,50,483

Of Rs. 2,55,530, the Cash-balance of Deposits and Funds, &c. the sum of Rs. 20,289 is at the Chaklajet Treasury and Rs. 2,35,241 at the Cooch Behar Treasury.

38. A comparison of the actual figures of the year with those of the Revised Budget figures (Statement No. III) reveals the fact that there is a surplus of Rs. 57,607 against a deficit of Rs. 38,029. This is principally due to the fact that when the account of the year was actually closed it closed with a decreased figure of Rs. 10,617 on the Revenue side and a similar figure of Rs. 1,67,943 on the Expenditure side. The principal decreases in Revenue are under (1) Land Revenue Rs. 31,023, (2) Stamps Rs. 5,097, (3) Interest on loans and advances Rs. 120, (4) Registration Rs. 334, (5) Debentures Rs. 3,157 and (6) Resettlement Fund Rs. 6,000. On the other hand, there have been increases in Revenue under other heads, the principal of which are under (1) Excise Rs. 13,829, (2) Jail Rs. 3,768, (3) Education &c. Rs. 2,048, (4) Public Works Rs. 2,408 (5) Sundries Rs. 1,745, (6) Darjeeling Estate Rs. 2,439, (7) Chaklajet Estates Rs. 51,912 and (8) Cooch Behar State Railway Rs. 30,526. On the expenditure side all the Budget heads show decreases with the exception of (1) His Highness' Privy Purse Rs. 1,19,545 and (2) Cooch Behar State Railway Rs. 12,425.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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